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Students

1. Arts student award winners at the 2019 Student Research Day

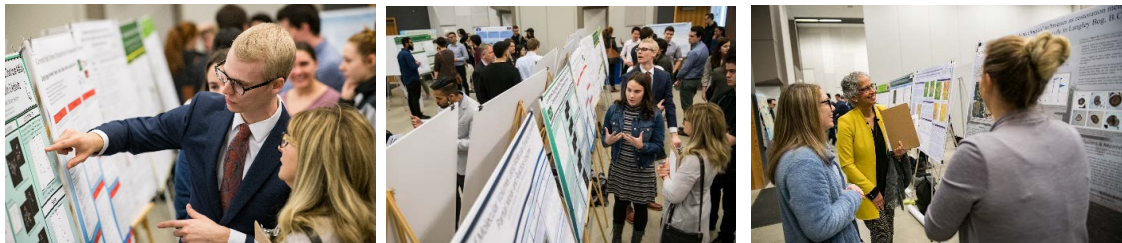
Arts students showcased their research posters and received prestigious awards at the 2019 Student Research Day. Award recipients included the following:

Vice President Student Award, Donovan Toews, Emily MacMillan, Ian Toohey, Lise Nehring and Mika Sevcik, Geography Department, *City Landscape Usage on Dissolved Organic Matter along Willband Creek, Abbotsford, BC.*

Dean, College of Arts – Social Sciences Award, Caroline Duncan, Psychology Department, *Loneliness, Resilience, and Cognition of Older Adults.*

Dean, College of Arts-Humanities Award, Cassandra de Jong, Visual Arts Department, *Mind Maintenance.*

Arts student Associate Vice President, Research, Engagement & Graduate Studies Award, Erin Haan, Communications Department, *Framing of the Trade Renegotiation.*





2. The world is a classroom for Global Development Studies student Sterling Ray

UFV Bachelor of Arts student Sterling Ray is leading intercultural initiatives both on campus and abroad, and will be graduating in June 2019 with a Global Development Studies (GDS) major and an extended minor in Latin American studies.

During her internship in Oaxaca, Mexico she was one of the principle organizers of the International Assembly on Community Development. As the student representative on the GDS Program Committee and the student president of the GDS club she also initiated the KAIROS Blanket Exercise on May 16 in collaboration with the MCC Indigenous Relations Program. Read more about Sterling Ray at blogs.ufv.ca



Sterling Ray in Oaxaca, Mexico

Faculty and Staff

1. John Belec awarded McVey award for teaching excellence

John Blec, associate professor in Geography and Environment, was awarded the 2019 J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence by the Canadian Association of Geographers. Belec’s research specialities are focused on the study of urban housing markets, urban residential design and cross border regions.

“The purpose of the J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence is to recognize a geography instructor known for the quality of their teaching. This is in recognition of the central importance of teaching excellence in geographic education,” notes the award description. Read more about John Belec at blogs.ufv.ca



John Belec receiving the J. Alistair McVey Award



2. Dr. Irwin Cohen wins the UFV Research Excellence award 2019

Dr. Irwin Cohen, Associate Professor in Criminology and Criminal Justice, was awarded the UFV Research Excellence award 2019 for his prolific body of research in the criminal justice field.

Cohen serves as the director of the UFV Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research, and has been leading over 50 research projects in criminal justice ranging from policing, serious and violent young offenders, youth justice issues, terrorism, addictions, mental health, and technology. Read more about Dr. Irwin Cohen at blogs.ufv.ca

Community

1. North Korea's Current Economic Situation and Global Peace workshop

The UFV College of Arts and the Department of Economics held a workshop North Korea's Current Economic Situation and Global Peace, moderated and organized by Dr. Bosu Seo.

The workshop aimed to inform Canadian mainstream society about North Korea's fluctuating economic situation and its impact on countries around the world. Guest speakers and panel members discussed how countries such as South Korea, USA, China, Japan, and Canada can contribute to the peaceful settlement of the Korean Peninsula by drawing attention to the successful completion of the denuclearization talks on the Korean peninsula, and the economic development plans of North Korea.

The guest speakers included Dr. Yvon Dandurand (Professor Emeritus, UFV Criminology & Criminal Justice and Ex-United Nations Office Drug and Crime Lead consultant) and Mr. Shin, Tae-Young (Representative, The National Unification Advisory Council Vancouver Chapter).

The panel members included Ms. Yoo Soon Oh (Chair, Vancouver Korean-Canadian Scholarship Foundation), Dr. Michael Maschek (Economics, UFV), Dr. Edward Akuffo (Political science, UFV) and Dr. Steven Schroeder (Chair in the Peace and Conflict Studies program, UFV). The opening speech was initiated by Dr. Jacqueline Nolte, Dean of Arts, UFV.



Audience members and guest speakers in the photo include: Dr. Edward Akuffo, Mr. Tae-Young Shin, Dr. Bosu Seo, Dr. Jacqueline Nolte, Dr. Yvon Dandurand, Ms. Yoo Soon Oh.



2. Flash Forum on Taking Action: The New Zealand Attack

In response to the devastating killings in New Zealand, the Race Antiracism Network and the College of Arts held a flash forum Taking Action: The New Zealand Attack on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the UFV Abbotsford Campus in the Alumni Hall. Organizers and guest speakers shared powerful messages to the community members about standing up against racism and xenophobia in honour of the 50 lives lost in the New Zealand Mosque attacks.

Organizers included Melissa Walter and Jacqueline Nolte, and guest speakers included Fiona MacDonald, Karen Thind, Rajneesh Dhawan, Steven Schroeder, Duncan Herd, Sidrah Ahmad and Kjell Anderson.

Program

1. Arts Jumpstart

A new program, UFV Jumpstart, is being offered for Summer 2019. This program enables students admitted or conditionally admitted to UFV for Fall 2019. Jumpstart students can accelerate their studies and ease their transition into university life by completing 3 core courses (9 credits) in the summer semester. Students will complete ENGL 105, GEOG 111, and IDS 100E, an interdisciplinary course titled "Culture and Community". Courses run on a full week schedule through July and August. Jumpstart students will also complete a weekend residential experience at UFV.



For more information visit: <https://www.ufv.ca/arts/fast-track-your-education/jumpstart-program/>.

2. Human Services Career Enrichment Program

UFV is currently in its fourth year of partnership with the Human Services Career Enrichment Program, a mentoring program held once a year at the UFV Chilliwack campus. The Human Services Career Enrichment Program involves promoting community education between UFV, Chilliwack Secondary School and elementary students.

This year, UFV leaders developed engaging curriculum and strong mentorships that promoted positive change with the Chilliwack youth community. Workshops were taught by UFV professors Darren Blakeborough, Christine Slavik, Annette Vogt, and undergrad students Mukesh Joshi and Elaine Hoogeveen. In one workshop, Professor Darren Blakeborough educated Grade 12 Chilliwack Secondary students on issues of media literacy and "fake news".



Communications

Students

1. Additional required courses offered

The Communications (CMNS) department welcomed an increase in international student registration during the Winter 2019 semester due to the additional sections of required courses provided, and by incorporating experiential and/or Work Integrated Learning (WIL) into all CMNS courses.

2. Formal Practicum Placements

Six students, under the supervision of Dr. Linda Parry completed formal practicum placements with a variety of employers and community organizations such as the Abbotsford Community Foundation, Division of Family Practice, Devon Adult Learning Centre, and UFV's Academic Success Centre). Two CMNS students produced educational videos for the Division of Family Practice. These videos will be playing in walk-in clinics and doctor's offices throughout the Fraser Valley. The following screen shots are from the videos.



3. CMNS 316 Writing for Social Media

Students in CMNS 316 Writing for Social Media, under the supervision of Dr. Jeffery Orr, created social media strategies for Chilliwack Healthier Communities (CHC). The students presented their strategies to CHC's board members and provided a variety of ideas that CHC could utilize. Currently, CMNS is working with CHC to create an ongoing practicum each semester that will provide 1-3 students a placement gaining experience as social media managers. These students will use the social media strategies prepared by the CMNS 316 students as the foundation for their ongoing work.



4. CMNS 312 Public Relations course

The CMNS 312 Public Relations course, under the supervision of Dr. Mai Anh Doan, incorporated an industry-based project into the course as their main assignment. The students worked directly with the Division of Family Practice Abbotsford to create PR plans that divisions could use in 2019-20. The students pitched their PR plans to a panel of executives from the Division of Family Practice and received outstanding feedback.



Jessica Peakman, Student in CMNS 316 – Presenting to Chilliwack Healthier Community

5. Advanced Public Speaking

Students in CMNS 335 Advanced Public Speaking, under the supervision of Raymond Welch, hosted a public speaking event and invited guests from the community. It was an excellent opportunity for students to apply and showcase their public speaking skills.

Community

1. Valley Fest

CMNS faculty hosted a variety of events during Valley Fest that included open classroom lectures, a film series and an intercultural book club. Jess Wind, a CMNS sessional instructor, organized a one-day conference as a critical analysis of the popular TV show Riverdale that many UFV students, faculty and alumni participated. The CMNS department continued to contribute to the week-long event and created many learning opportunities for students. CMNS also sponsored 10 students to attend the final Valley Fest dinner.

Program

1. International Peer Supporters

Nine CMNS students completed a term as an International Peer Supporter. The Peer Supporters assisted students by helping them practice for oral presentations and organize their written assignments. Many of the questions that the Peer Supporters received involved how to communicate with their faculty. The Peer Supporters helped the students prepare emails to their



instructors and formulate appropriate questions for them to ask during office hours. This is a successful first-time program.

2. Awards

The CMNS department nominated a student from Dr. Marcella LaFever's CMNS 351 Research Report Writing course for a UFV Student Research Excellence Award.

Erin Haan, a CMNS student, won the Arts student Associate Vice President, Research, Engagement & Graduate Studies Award during the 2019 Poster competition.



Criminology

Students

1. Criminology Students Presented at Several International Events

Master of Arts (Criminal Justice) students Caleigh West, Amanda Juhasz, Amanda Stewart and Dilvur Dub, along with undergraduate student Rebecca Gasparac, presented their papers at the 2019 Western Society of Criminology annual conference in Honolulu in February 2019. Topics included the use of technology to commit and prevent intimate partner violence, gang prevention programs and gangs in British Columbia.

BA (Criminal Justice) student Brad Galloway was invited to present a paper in March 2019 at the Radical Right Research International Workshop at Swansea University in Wales. Galloway presented a comparative analysis on the online and offline identities of members of the far right.

MA student Caleigh West and recent BA (Criminal Justice) graduate Lauren Kempers travelled with Dr. Amanda McCormick to New York in March 2019 to present on the use of Civil Protective Orders in Intimate Partner Violence at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women's 63rd meeting. While in New York, Amanda and the students were also invited to deliver a guest lecture on the Canadian Criminal Justice System to a Master's level Criminology cohort at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.



Caleigh West, Lauren Kempers and Dr. Amanda McCormick presenting in New York

2. Graduate Successes

BA (Criminal Justice) graduate Lauren Kempers was accepted into three law schools, including Dalhousie and Thomson Rivers University. She has selected the University of Ottawa where she will pursue an education in human rights and international law.

BA (Criminal Justice) graduate Sean Plecas was accepted into Cambridge University.

Master of Arts (Criminal Justice) graduate Dilvur Dub was accepted into the PhD program in the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University for Fall 2019.



Master of Arts (Criminal Justice) student Andrew Caldwell recently completed his Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and won the 2018 Inclusion and Diversity Excellence Award for the Correctional Service of Canada. Caldwell's major paper was focused on Two Spirit Indigenous Offenders in the Correctional Service of Canada: Cultural Reclamation and the Need for a Healing Approach to Policies and Programs which he completed under the supervision of Dr. Hayli Millar.

Graduate student Amanda Juhasz successfully defended her Master's thesis on Practitioner Perceptions of the Transportability of Operation Ceasefire to Youth in Gangs in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia under the supervision of Dr. Amanda McCormick and Dr. Zina Lee. Her external examiner was Dr. Martin Bouchard from Simon Fraser University.

3. Criminal Justice Student Association's Opioid Panel

The CJSA organized an Opioid Crisis Speakers Panel on March 19, 2019 with CRIM sessional Richard Konarski moderating the panel.

Panel members included Michele Giordano (Career Development Coordinator), Ivy Peers (UFV Alumni and Youth Coordinator of the Mission Friendship Centre Indigenous Services), Erica Thomson (Peer Coordinator Harm Reduction Services for Fraser Health), Amanda Bonello (IMPACT and Abbotsford Drug Wars Survivors Program Coordinator), and Nick Zurowski (Co-founder and committee member of Drug Wars Survivors).



Criminal Justice Student Associations' Opioid Panel

Faculty and Staff

1. Dr. Irwin Cohen wins the UFV Research Excellence award 2019

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2. Dr. Kim Polowek

Dr. Kim Polowek, Associate Professor, was appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board in December 2018 for a three-year term. This year Kim supervised honour student Olivia Marty who completed a project examining awareness among Criminology students of trauma-informed practice. Olivia was also this year's recipient of the Criminology Undergraduate Research Excellence Award.



3. Dr. Jon Heidt

Dr. Jon Heidt, Associate Professor, published a research report that resulted from his interviews with stakeholders in Abbotsford on their perceptions of the potential effects that the legalization of marijuana would have on their operations. Stakeholders included the Abbotsford Police Department, as well as cannabis distributors and community members. Two upper-year BA (Criminal Justice) students were hired as research assistants for this project and were involved in collecting and analyzing the data, and writing the final report. Both were named as co-authors on the final report. Heidt's report has also received attention from Texas, where a former police Chief recommended that his research report become "widely read and digested by Texas law enforcement leaders", of which there are more than 1,200 police chiefs.

4. Dr. Zina Lee

Dr. Zina Lee, Associate Professor, has accepted the role of Chair of the Human Research Ethics Board for the 2019-2020 year. Zina is mid-way through a multi-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council funded project on online at-risk behaviours among youth. This project involves data collection from several cohorts of students in British Columbia as well as their parents and teachers regarding their awareness of and engagement in risky behaviours online. Zina is also collaborating with Dr. Irwin Cohen on one of his funded projects via the Office of Crime Reduction and Gang Outreach on the use of imitation firearms among youth. Zina and Dr. Amanda McCormick are also collaborating on a project with the Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association (ARJAA) where they are assisting ARJAA with the development of curriculum concerning dating and family violence among youth.

5. Dr. Amanda McCormick

Dr. Amanda McCormick, Associate Professor and Director of the School, has been building international relationships between the School and a number of American and European institutions. In September 2018, Amanda travelled to Sacramento to work with Dr. Tim Croisdale, a Professor in the Division of Criminal Justice at California State University, to explore ideas for international collaboration. While at CSU, Dr. McCormick met with faculty and students in the Division of Criminal Justice including Dr. Croisdale.

Dr. McCormick was also invited to give three guest lectures to a range of different classes based on research conducted by the faculty and students at UFV. Dr. McCormick and Dr. Croisdale are continuing to explore several options for collaboration, including joint study tours, collaborative online learning, and student/faculty exchange opportunities.

Dr. McCormick has received several invitations to present on her research at events over the past year. She attended and presented at a side panel during the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2018. While in New York, she also gave a presentation to the New York Council on Problem Gambling and New York State Gaming Commission on the voluntary self-exclusion research conducted by Dr. McCormick and Dr. Irwin Cohen. Amanda delivered a third presentation during this trip on crime reduction at John Jay College of Criminal Justice during a panel on Women in Criminal Justice.



In June 2018, Amanda travelled to Switzerland to give a presentation on police responses to domestic violence in Canada at the 38th Human Rights Council session at the United Nations in Geneva. This session also involved the participation of the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Dr. Dubravka Simonovic. While in Switzerland, Amanda travelled to the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, School of Social Work, where she met with a colleague and established a research and academic partnership, which resulted in an MOU between our universities to exchange Master's and senior-level undergraduate students from Criminal Justice and Social Work to exchange with students from their School of Social Work. Amanda returned to Switzerland in September to give another invited presentation on elder abuse at the 39th Human Rights Council session in Geneva. This session involved the participation of the United Nations Independent Expert on the Human Rights of Older Persons, Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte.

In October 2018, Amanda gave an invited presentation at the Four Directions Conference on problem gambling in Washington state. The presentation focused on the results and recommendations from a study conducted by Dr. Irwin Cohen and Dr. Amanda McCormick on reinstatement practices following self-exclusion from casinos for problem gambling. Amanda is travelling to Boston in May 2019 to give a similar invited presentation to the Massachusetts Symposium on Responsible Gambling. Amanda also gave a keynote talk and conducted a workshop at the October 2018 meeting of the New York Council on Problem Gambling's Annual Conference. The keynote focused on adolescent participation in gambling and crime, while the workshop concerned gambling addiction and the implications for treatment in custody.

6. Erin Osterberg

The School's newest faculty member, Assistant Professor Erin Osterberg, has had a very successful first year. Osterberg published her first journal article on ethics and policing and delivered a presentation at the Western Society of Criminology conference in February 2019. Osterberg is also actively engaged in a number of research projects through the Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research.

7. Michele Giordano

In her role as the School's Career Development Coordinator, Michele has made a number of significant contributions over the past year. Notably, Michele has established many new practicum positions for our Crim students, in locations such as with the BC Native Courtworker and Counselling Association, Indigenous friendships centres, Crown Counsel, private security, forensic nursing, transition homes, Crime Stoppers, Project Angel, Metis Nation, Fire Services, Victim Services, bylaw, and the Sto:lo Nation Wellness Program. Altogether, Michele coordinated more than 100 second and fourth year students in practicum placements over the past academic year. Michele also participated as a panel member in the CJSAs Opioid Panel in March 2019, and continues in her role as chair of two community committees, the Violence Against Women in Relationships Committee for Abbotsford/Mission and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Fraser Valley Institution.



8. Personnel Updates

John Martin retired effective March 31, 2019. John was a longstanding member of the Criminology and Criminal Justice program who had been on leave for the past six years due to his election as an MLA for the City of Chilliwack.

Annette Vogt is retiring August 31, 2019. Annette started in the School as the coordinator for the Centre for Safe Schools and Communities. For the past several years Annette has been teaching courses on Academic and Professional Development and Problem Management Skills for Criminal Justice Interventions.

9. Sessional Instructors

The CRIM and PACS program shared an LTA position. Dr. Kjell Anderson taught CRIM 215 Theory and Practice of Restorative Justice, and CRIM 335 Human Rights and Civil Liberties, and also developed a fourth year Independent Studies seminar course in which he supervised five Criminology students who completed a project analyzing the Dominic Ongwen trial, which was occurring in the International Criminal Court. Ongwen was the first former child soldier to be tried by an international court. Over the semester, students analyzed the trial content and at the conclusion of the class Kjell organized a seminar presentation where the students presented the perspectives of the victims, the prosecution, and the defence.

Community

1. Textbook donations

Through a connection with Yvon Dandurand, the School was asked to contribute criminal justice textbooks and manuals that the faculty were no longer using to the Sierra Leone Correctional Service. The School was able to compile and donate 11 boxes of books to donate. This initiative was supported and sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme.



ENGLISH

Students

1. Second Annual Young Authors Conference in Chilliwack

The 2nd Young Authors' Conference was held at the UFV CEP campus on April 29, 2019 which hosted over eighty Young Authors, in grades 4 and 5, from various Chilliwack and Abbotsford elementary schools. Conceived as a way to bring elementary students together with UFV English students in a celebration of literature and storytelling, the conference was a space for participants to share their passions and learn new skills for self-expression and creativity.

The conference was organized by Professor Heather McAlpine and UFV English student Rebekah Bielefeld, with six workshops delivered by UFV students.

Volunteers Bethany Cannon, Sandeep Gill, Shaylene Tieleman, Nadia Tudhope and Maria Weiss also worked to make sure the day ran smoothly. A highlight of the day was the Q&A and brainstorming session with professional author and illustrator Lee Edward Födi, who has written and illustrated the *Kendra Kandlestar* series as well as *The Secret of Zoone*.



2. Students and alumni success

Alumna Jasmin Kaur has signed publishing deals with Harper Collins and Penguin Random House India. Her debut book, *When You Ask Me Where I'm Going*, will come out in 2019. Link to her Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/jusmun/>

Alumna Erica Braumberger has recently been accepted into the Masters of Library and Information Science program at the University of Alberta.

Alumnus Matt Friesen, a former leader within the English Students Association, completed an honours thesis on rhetoric, science, and literature with Alex Wetmore and is now a Master Brewer at the popular and charming Field House Craft Brewery in Abbotsford.



Current UFV English students organized the English Students Association coffee houses as well as a Frankenstein movie night (October), a book drive, marathon reading of *Paradise Lost* (March), and other ESA events.

Taylor Breckles is presenting on her research this May at the University of Silesia.

Taylor Doak Hess's honour's thesis on singular "they," written under the mentorship of Nadeane Trowse, was nominated for UFV's Undergraduate Research Excellence Award.

Christine Bell completed an outstanding directed studies project on the rhetoric of Gadsby's *Nanette*, under the mentorship of Alex Wetmore.

Faculty and Staff

1. Creative Cities, Technology and Emotions, Poetic Making: International and local conferences and invited talks

In Fall 2018, Ceilidh Hart presented on "Finding the Centre: The Work of Reading the City in Sachiko Murakai's *Rebuild*" at the Calgary Institute for the Humanities – Spectral Cities Conference in Western Humanities Alliance. She also participated in a roundtable discussion on "Working at the Intersections of Research and Teaching: Roundtable Discussion" at the meeting of the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English, University of Regina, May 2018.

Alex Wetmore presented research on "Barometric Pleasures," part of his ongoing investigation into technology and emotions in the eighteenth century, at Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (CSECS), Niagara Falls, Ontario on 13 October, 2018 and with UFV alumna Rachel Bodnariuc at the UFV Scholarly Sharing Initiative in Fall 2018.

Miriam Nichols is an invited presenter at the Sorbonne at a conference on the acclaimed American poet, Robert Duncan.

Michelle LaFlamme is UFV's Erasmus Plus Exchange Scholar at the University of Silesia and will be an invited speaker at the Days of Canadian Culture in Poland.

Trevor Carolan was an invited speaker "On GeoActivism" Kardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw Poland and his eco-documentary film *Cascadia: The Life and Breath of the World* was also shown.

2. Interdisciplinary Teaching: Gardens and portfolios

In Winter 2019, Michelle Superle taught one section of PORTS 398, "an extremely stimulating teaching experience."



Melissa Walter co-taught IDS 300C, “Reconciliation and Redesigning the Chilliwack Shakespeare Garden on CEP campus” in consultation with Alan Reid (Biology) and Shirley Hardman (Indigenous Affairs), and with guest speakers Ian Fenwick, Douglas Wickers, Nancy Moore, Naxaxalhts’i, Carrielynn Victor, Larry Commodore, Rose Morrison, and Mark Goudsblom. The students in the class proposed a design for a new Shakespeare and Reconciliation garden spanning three plots on the CEP campus.

Community

1. Valley Fest

Miriam Nichols conceived Valley Fest 2019 and led the organizing team. English classrooms that were open during Valley Fest included guest speakers funded in part by the Writer’s Union of Canada, and Yo Trieu, founder of Fraser Valley Comedy. Performers in the final event included Sto:lo mural artist Carrielynn Victor, Sto:lo rapper Teresa Warbus and 2019 Kuldip Gill Writer in Residence.

2. Riverdale Conference: Enriching experience of everyday life and culture

Faculty in the English department helped organize the second Riverdale Conference on March 13, 2019 in the U-House. Featuring sixteen presenters, the conference offered a full day of panels as well as an interactive choose-your-own adventure-style storytelling session. The idea for a conference started in 2017 as a number of UFV professors, students, and alumni compared notes from binge-watching the Riverdale’s first season on Netflix and the first event was held in 2018.

This year’s conference featured papers from faculty, students and alumni in English, Communications, Visual Art, and CIS, as well as graduate students studying in Ottawa and Montreal. Attendance was strong throughout the day with faculty, staff and student participation.

Media coverage for the event was broad again this year, with articles appearing in newspapers throughout the lower mainland. English prof. Heather McAlpine was also interviewed on CBC radio. Since the conference, English Professors Heather McAlpine and Ron Sweeney, along with Communications instructor Jess Wind, have signed a contract to edit a collection of scholarly essays on the Riverdale universe for McFarland publishing. The conference was also featured in the online Raspberry Magazine Winter 2019 issue.





3. Mentoring relationships

Through English 388D, UFV students had the opportunity to participate in the program The Read for your Rights! at Watson elementary School (Chilliwack). Michelle Superle instructed the program for grade 5 students, and the additional time this year enabled deepened mentoring relationships and an enriching program.

4. The second annual Fraser Valley Literary Festival is planned for September 13 and 14, 2019

The 2018 Fraser Valley Literary Festival featured former UFV writer in residence Billeh Nickerson, Surrey poet laureate Renee Sarolini Saklikar, and Métis-Icelandic writer Carleigh Bake. It also featured a stunning line-up of writers from the southwestern BC and Salish Sea region. Panel topics included "Time and place," "Local Character," and "(In)Formed." More information about the upcoming 2019 Fraser Valley Literary Festival can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/FraserValleyLiteraryFestival/>

5. Erin Go Bragh! Plus strength, cities, and community

Trevor Carolan gave a St. Patrick's Day Poetry Reading Performance with UFV student Marlowe Ferris (guitar, vocals) and UFV alumnus Zachary Keeley (guitar, vocals) at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver March 17, 2019.

Ceilidh Hart gave a public lecture at UFV in November 2019, as part of UFV Theatre's presentation of Herman Voaden's *Rocks*: "Broken by Strength and Still Strong: Approaches to Herman Voaden's *Rocks*." She also shared her work on Classroom, place and community in Sachiko Murakami's *Rebuild* at UFV's SSI and at W. J. Mouat Secondary School in Abbotsford, and she has another date in May booked to give a second guest lecture at a high school in Abbotsford.

6. Celebrating Graduations and Retirement

Miriam Nichols will be retiring from UFV in August 2019.



English 2019 graduates at the grad gala



Miriam Nichols



Program

1. Robert Wiersema, 2019 Kuldip Gill Writer in Residence, mentors students, highlights transformation

Wiersema, who was born and raised in the Fraser Valley, is the author of *Before I Wake* and five other books. At the end of his residency, he reminded us all how formative and transformative UFV experiences can be. For more information visit <https://blogs.ufv.ca/english/2019/05/06/not-just-educational-but-epochal-farewell-wishes-from-our-wir/>

History

Students

1. Qualicum Conference for Graduate Students in History

In January 2019, five history students, along with faculty members Adrianna Bakos and Scott Sheffield, travelled to Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island for the annual Qualicum History Conference. History student Haley Kloosterof presented a very well-received paper, “Painted by Time: The Myth of Baron von Mackensen.” Undergraduates had the opportunity to participate in the authentic production and sharing of academic history.



History students at the Qualicum Conference

2. 30th Annual Military History Colloquium

Five history students attended the 30th Annual Military History Colloquium at Wilfrid Laurier University. Graduating student Melissa Wing presented a paper “Liveth Forevermore: The Creation of Myth, Memory, and Mourning across British Columbia’s Lower Mainland,” which was based on work completed for History 440 Local History for the Web.

Faculty and Staff

1. New Hire

The department of history is very pleased to welcome our newest fulltime faculty member, Dr. Ian Rocksborough-Smith. Dr. Ian Rocksborough-Smith is an historian of 20th century America.

Community

1. Retro Abby

Abbotsford History Day, also known as Retro Abby, is a collaboration between the Reach Museum, Heritage Abbotsford, and the UFV History department. Faculty members Robin Anderson and Ian Rocksborough-Smith took the lead in organizing the event, which commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Heritage Abbotsford Society.



2. Fraser Valley Regional Heritage Fair

The History department participated in the Heritage Fair, an “educational initiative that encourages the exploration of Canadian heritage” amongst school age children, held annually at UFV. UFV History students created and led learning activities for elementary school students and conducted campus tours. The department sponsors small prizes for students and several history faculty judged the children’s presentations (with winners in each category qualifying to the Provincial Heritage Fair).

3. Abbotsford CityStudio Hubbub

Students from History 440 Local History for the Web participated in the CityStudio Hubbub, held at the Abbotsford Municipal Hall on April 4th 2019. In this interactive project showcase, which is the signature event for the CityStudio program, history students presented mock-ups of the webpages they created about the important historic neighbourhoods of Abbotsford, based on primary archival research they conducted.

Program

1. EPAC

The newly formed Department of History External Program Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from the secondary school system, other post-secondary institutions, the public history sector and business, met for a second time in April. The meeting was energizing and productive, as departmental and EPAC members worked in break-out groups to brainstorm about how best to enhance experiential learning both within and outside the classroom.



INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Students

1. Indigenization and Classroom Safety – Professional Development

Wenona (IS Chair), Lorna (Indigenization Teaching and Learning), and Jessica (UFV 3rd year student) provided a workshop on April 30th 2019 for UFV's Professional Development day.

Community

1. Indigenous Committee to Senate

A report on the Indigenous Studies program as well the Halq'eméylem certificate/diploma concept proposal was presented to the Indigenous Committee to Senate.

2. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

This committee covers School District 33 and is attended by all Aboriginal interests and communities, and is attended by the Chair of Indigenous Studies.

Program

1. Indigenous Studies Certificate – Concept Paper

This concept paper was approved by SALT in April 2019

2. Graduate Certificate/Diploma Halq'eméylem

This concept paper was approved by SALT in April 2019

3. Indigenous Studies Curriculum Committee (ISCC)

The Indigenous Studies Curriculum Committee (ISCC) met twice this semester. The meeting in March was to provide feedback on a draft House of Peoples proposal.

This committee is a university wide committee with members from all faculties. There were a few membership changes this semester. Additions included Betty Peters (acting Director ISC), Anna Cook (philosophy), Julia Dodge (UEP replacement), Pedro Montoya-Pelaez (Faculty of Science), Ghizlane Laghzaoui (Modern Languages), and Samantha Pattridge (Deans' Office). Taking leave this semester are Stan Manu (sabbatical, Faculty of Science) and Fiona MacDonald from Political Science.



Peace and Conflict Studies

Students

1. Peace Ambassadors

UFV Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) students Mickaela Heinrichs and Ryan Weber attended the University Scholars Leadership Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in November 2017. Since then, Mickaela and Ryan have served as Peace Ambassadors in various capacities, most notably Mickaela's work in Bangkok as a Canadian Peace Ambassador with Humanitarian Affairs Asia, which has resulted in numerous recruits for this year's Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Mickaela Heinrichs and Ryan Weber at the USLC

2. Ethiopia Study Tour

UFV PACS students Michelle Murray-Schlitt and Andrea Sadowski embarked on a tour of various rural sites in Ethiopia with Professor Steve Schroeder. At these rural sites, clean water projects for the villagers had been initiated by local organizations and Run For Water. Michelle will be returning to Ethiopia in summer 2019 to further study the development of clean water projects, and to complete the requirements for the Global Development Studies internship.

3. MCC Ottawa Office Student Seminar

In February 2019, UFV student Maxine Spies participated in the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Ottawa Office Student Seminar on Human Rights and Migration.

Faculty and Staff

1. Publications

Professor Kjell Anderson's book *Perpetrating Genocide: A Criminological Account* was published and released in February 2019 by Routledge Press.

Professor Steve Schroeder published an article, *Selective Memory: Danziger Mennonite Reflections on the Nazi Era, 1945-1950* University of Toronto Press (forthcoming, 2019)



2. Public Forums

Professor Steve Schroeder presented a talk in February on “Conflict and Peacebuilding in the Korean Peninsula” at a UFV event titled North Korea’s Current Economic Situation and Global Peace.

Professors Steve Schroeder and Kjell Anderson presented reflections at a UFV flash forum on Taking Action: The New Zealand Attack, honouring the victims of the shootings at a mosque in New Zealand in March, 2019.

Community

1. Peace and Reconciliation Centre

Professor Steve Schroeder has been involved with numerous UFV and community members in the initial stages of a Peace and Reconciliation Centre.

2. Public Event

Professor Steve Schroeder arranged for peace advocate and activist Paul Chappel to visit UFV where he presented a public talk, “A New Peace Paradigm: Our Human Needs and the Tangles of Trauma,” in October, 2018.

Program

1. Peace Literacy Workshops

Professor Steve Schroeder arranged for peace advocates and activists Paul Chappel and Shari Clough to visit UFV and present their two-day workshop on Peace Literacy in April, 2019.

2. New course field trips

Professors Kjell Anderson and Steve Schroeder added new field trips to the course Peace and Conflict in the Fraser Valley, which had students visit St. Mary’s Residential School, Hearthstone Place, Abbotsford Community Services, and the Gur Sikh Temple.



PHILOSOPHY

Students

1. Student Successes

Kyle Rehdner received the 2019 URE Award for a critical research essay concerning Adam Smith's laissez-faire market in relation to contemporary neo-liberalism titled, "Drowning in the Rising Tide."

Ashton Mar had a paper accepted at The Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference titled, "The Moral Permissibility of Morally Wrong Decisions," and it was read at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon in March 2019.

Amanda Penner is nearing completion of her MA at St. Andrews in Scotland.

John Luzia is currently working on his thesis for the MA program in philosophy at Ryerson in Toronto.

Faculty and Staff

1. New department assistant Cecelia Dirksen

Cecelia Dirksen is the new Philosophy department assistant and the department is very pleased to have her, in addition to her positive enthusiasm, on the team.

2. Anastasia Anderson

Anastasia has been on sabbatical this year. She is working on various projects related to the larger project of philosophy for children and the Think Fun Camps program. Next year's camps, The Thinking Playground, will feature themes about animals and artificial intelligence.

3. Anna Cook

New permanent faculty member, Anna Cook has just finished her first year at UFV. Anna also received a Research Option and Scholarly Activity Grant, University of the Fraser Valley for 2019-2020 academic year.

Anna's expertise includes Environmental Ethics and she will be the liaison to the Environmental Studies Working Group. She recently took PHIL 318: Environmental Ethics students on a field trip, along with students in Sustainable Agriculture in Chilliwack, to Sweet Earth Farms in Yarrow and Circle G farm.

4. Wayne Henry

Wayne Henry is completing his final year as Department Head. Wayne is working on a book tentatively titled, "Consumer Capitalism, Globalization, and Sustainability."



Henry also had a publication this year of a paper written and presented jointly with Anastasia and Sue Gardner of Capilano University. The original presentation was last June in Mexico and the paper is titled, "Reasoning (or not) With the Unreasonable." Appearing in, *Analytic Teaching and Philosophical Praxis*, Vol. 39, No. 2, May 2019.

Programs

1. Honours Option

The Honours option will accompany the PHIL Major in Fall 2019. This was pursued due to high student demand and the program review undertaken in 2015/2016.

2. Centre For Philosophical Inquiry with Children

A new UFV Centre for Philosophical Inquiry with Children was approved at a recent CAC meeting. The mission of the UFV Centre for Philosophical Inquiry with Children would be to support practice, education, and community outreach relating to philosophy for children.

Benefits Include:

- The Centre would enable faculty members from UFV and other institutions who are interested in education, child development, children's rights, the concept of childhood, and the decolonization of all of these to come together and share information about their practice and knowledge.
- The Centre would work with the Philosophy Department to create courses on philosophy for children for UFV students and professional development courses for in-service teachers.
- The Centre would provide information, resources, support, training, and/or facilitators to schools and other organizations in the community who are interested in introducing philosophy for children into their institutions.
- The Centre would liaise with other post-secondary institutions in Canada and abroad to deliver graduate courses and diplomas in philosophy for children.
- The Centre would host talks, demonstrations of the practice, and conferences.
- The Centre would advocate for the introduction of philosophy in schools and for making philosophy a 'teachable' subject in BC schools (in harmony with the Canadian Philosophical Association's 'Philosophy in Schools Project').
- The Centre would fundraise and apply for grants to support education and practice in philosophy for children.
- The Centre would support the Think Fun summer camps and liaise with the Vancouver Institute of Philosophy for Children in providing the camps.



Background:

Philosophy for children is an inquiry-based pedagogy used to develop children's critical, collaborative, and creative thinking. Philosophy for children programs in schools improve children's self-esteem, speaking and listening skills, empathy, and self-control.ⁱ Furthermore, a recent study that involved over 3,000 children in the UK showed that weekly philosophy sessions led to improvements in reading and math. The sessions had a particularly positive impact on progress in reading and math among disadvantaged children. Beyond these benefits, philosophy for children has the value of allowing children to explore concepts fundamental to human existence and engage in open, respectful dialogue with each other. The philosophy teacher is a facilitator who helps children explore, develop, and critically reflect on their own reasoning. Philosophy for children fosters the curiosity and thinking skills children need to become lifelong learners and engaged, global citizens.

The benefits of philosophy for children programs have been well documented and there is a quickly growing movement toward including philosophy in schools around the world; however, Canada has been slow in its involvement in this movement. The Think Fun summer camp at UFV is one of the few examples of philosophy for children programming in Canada (outside of Quebec).

The creation of a UFV Centre for Philosophical Inquiry with Children would allow UFV to be a local and national hub for education, practice, and advocacy for philosophy for children.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Faculty

1. Fiona Macdonald

Fiona Macdonald is now Head of the Department of Political Science as well as a member of the Senate. Fiona launched the Feminist University initiative during Winter 2019.

This project launched with a retreat/workshop facilitated by Concordia's Dr. Kimberley Manning and her team on March 1, 2019. This project is inspired by the ongoing Feminist University Project at Concordia University led by Simone de Beauvoir Principal and Political Science Professor Dr. Kimberley Manning. The central inspiration is grounded on the tenet that providing institutional support, compensation, and recognition for initiatives focused on creating and supporting inclusivity in both the university and broader community is a growing and vital need. The project is grounded in an intersectional framework to evaluate how equity, representation, and inclusion could be improved at the University of the Fraser Valley and within the broader community with particular focus on issues of gender, race, Indigeneity, and ability. This research will be conducted via consultative processes through which already available resources (such as existing organizations, projects, funding opportunities) and existing gaps or barriers (such as "burn out", isolation, institutional, siloing, transphobia, and racism) are identified. The results of these consultations will then provide the basis for two complimentary initiatives.



The launch of a proposed UFV Centre for Gender Research and Teaching will act as a hub (both physical and virtual) for those students, faculty, staff, and community partners working on issues of gender and equity. As such it will act as an anchor of support, acknowledgement and celebration for this work by facilitating relationships and/or collaborations, knowledge dissemination, and community events.

These findings will be analyzed according to emerging themes. Once the top three to five themes have been clearly identified these themes will provide the basis for a new interdisciplinary research based course title, "The Feminist University". Throughout the course, students will contribute to five social action projects developed out of year one consultations. These projects may be UFV centred, community centred or both.

Fiona invited Dr. Gina Starblanket to speak as part of the President's panel on International Women's day. Student photo voice projects from POSC 350, "Sex, Gender and Women in Political Thought" were also on display at the event.

Fiona also received a \$10,000 Michael Smith Reach Grant for her ongoing work on the impact of medical apologies and has been invited by Dr. Darryl Plecas to participate in a newly convened

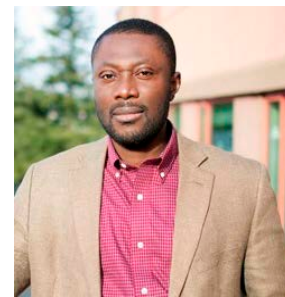


Speaker’s Forum to discuss the role of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) in the BC political system.



2. Edward Akuffo

Edward Akuffo successfully completed his term as the chair of the Political Science department on April 30, 2019. Edward continues to make significant progress on his research program on Canadian security policy in Africa. As an area expert on Canadian Foreign Policy in Africa, Edward was invited by the International Studies Association-Canada branch as a panelist on the theme “Reflections on the Rise and Fall of Canadian Foreign Policy as an Academic Project” at the 60th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), held on March 27-30, 2019 in Toronto. At the convention, Edward also presented his paper “AU-NATO Security Governance in Africa: Convergence and Divergence of Norms, Ideas and Values”. Edward was acclaimed as the vice president of International Studies Association-Canada branch at its business meeting during the annual convention of ISA in Toronto in March 2019.



Through his teaching and mentoring, Edward has been assisting our students in their pursuit of graduate studies. Three students would be starting their MA programs in international studies in the fall 2019. One of these students, Laurence Brown, will begin his MA International Relations and Diplomacy in the prestigious Norman Patterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, Ottawa.

Edward continues to organize the Polititalk Roundtable Series to debate on topical international political issues. In October 2018 the fifth series was held under the theme “Road to a Fairer and Peaceful World, Legacy of Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations”. The sixth series was held on April 10, 2019 when Former UFV professor, Dr. Ding Lu, gave a talk on “China in the Global Economy”.



Edward will be on sabbatical leave on September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. He will spend part of his sabbatical leave conducting research, and as a visiting scholar at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center (KAIPTC), Accra, Ghana. KAIPTC is designated as international peacekeeping center of excellence.

3. Ron Dart

Ron continues to be on the national executive of The Thomas Merton Society of Canada, and he gave 4 lectures on Merton and C.S. Lewis-George in 2018-2019 (Alaska, Regent College, Trinity Western University, Queen of Peace Convent). Ron also published articles on Merton-Hesse and other articles/reviews in The Merton Seasonal and UK Merton Journal.



Ron continues to be involved with work on Stephen Leacock and is finishing a book on Leacock: Humanist and High Tory--another book is in the hopper on George Grant and the differences between historic Canadian High Toryism, red toryism and blue conservatism.

Ron is also co-editor of a book in the birthing on the history of Abbotsford public and political life (to be published in late 2020) and editor of a book on understanding Jordan Peterson (to be published late 2019-early 2020). Ron's book on Hermann Hesse, "Phoenix Arising" should be finished by 2020.

Ron also continues to write for Cloudburst (mountaineering magazine for BC) and the Canadian Alpine Journal (CAJ).



Theatre

Students

1. THEA 215

THEA 215 students developed ensemble projects that pushed them toward deep group collaboration and co-creation.



2. Recognition of Valuable Students

Belle Hernberg-Johnson demonstrates leadership experience and volunteer commitments with the UFV community through artistic achievement. She has excelled in her THEA 215 class while being involved in both *Attempts on Her Life*, the Director’s Showcase, and balancing a heavy course load. Belle has excelled in the lower level technical theatre and production at UFV.

Kirsten MacDonald made an outstanding contribution to the department production and was described as being a ‘show saver’. Kirsten demonstrates leadership experience and volunteer commitments with the community.

As the cast in *Attempts on Her Life*, Anatole Smith, Mikaila Palliyaguru, and Liam Barnes showed deep commitment to the work, sensitivity to group and person to person dynamics. They took personal responsibility for the whole project. All showed open mindedness, curiosity, and courage in the face of challenging material and worked very hard. There was a level of professionalism from all three that would be expected in the “industry.” Anatole, Mikaila and Liam were willing to engage with new aesthetic approaches and achieved a high standard in performance.



Faculty and Staff

1. New Faculty B member – Fall 2019

Anna Griffith is the new to the Theatre Department permanent teaching staff as a Faculty B Staff member.

2. Faculty-Led Workshop

Sessional faculty, Alana Gerecke, offered a department-wide workshop introducing students to Liz Lerman's Critical Response Process in March 2019. This tangible, step-by-step approach to giving and receiving critical feedback challenges and hones understandings of how to observe, support, and question work students make and see.



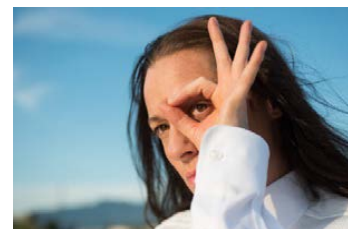
3. Visiting Artist: Marcus Youssef of Newworld Theatre

Marcus Youssef of Newworld Theatre is the 2018-19 Endowed Visiting Artist. Marcus is one of Canada's best-known contemporary playwrights. His plays have been produced in dozens of theatres in fifteen countries across North America, Europe, and Asia, from Seattle to New York to Reykjavik, London, Hong Kong, and Berlin. He is the recipient of Canada's largest cultural prize, the \$100,000 Siminovitch Prize for Theatre. Currently, he is the Artistic Director of Vancouver's Newworld Theatre.



4. Visiting Artist: Tara Cheyenne Friedenberg

THEA 215 hosted Tara Cheyenne Friedenberg (an award-winning performance maker from Vancouver). She led the class through a movement and voice workshop with a special focus on solo character development. Here, the students were introduced to skills and exercises to help find and refine specific character expression in the context of solo work.





Program

1. *Devised showcase theatre – Life Imitates Art?*

UFV Theatre is wrapping up its 2018/19 season with the *Devised Theatre Showcase*. The Showcase is the final project presented by UFV Theatre’s fourth year Devised Theatre class. It is a chance for students to present original, collaboratively created theatre projects and to apply everything they have learned in the course.

This year’s devising project, ‘*Life Imitates Art?*’, is about people dealing with traumatic past experiences. Lilly, an art lover, has been sexually assaulted by her ex-boyfriend, and Erin, a painter, suffers from mental illness. Lilly and Erin get to know each other online and finally meet in person. Despite their strong bond, the new friends break up because they can’t bear the traumas that haunt them in every second of their lives. This project examines how traumatic experiences influence the quality of our present and future relationships.

2. *Attempts on her life by Martin Crimp/ Directed by Alex Ferguson*

For those that didn't see the performance, this play is like a game, and yet more than a game. If the actors can make the character of Anne make sense, then maybe they can make sense of their own identities. Set in our own rapidly changing world, this production illustrates how meanings of self and place can be transformed into cultural scripts distributed by multinational entertainment industries



3. *ART by Yasmina Reza, translated by Christopher Hampton*

ART is an award-winning comedy written by Yasmina Reza. It was the recipient of the 1998 Tony Award for best play and the 1996 Olivier Award for best comedy. The play includes three male characters, Marc, Serge and Yvan, who are close friends. Serge has bought an expensive painting about five feet by four, all white with white diagonal lines. Marc thinks that the painting isn’t worth a penny; however, Serge insists that Marc doesn’t have high enough standards to judge the work. Another friend, Yvan, has been pulled into this disagreement. Unlike Marc, Yvan is eager to please, telling Serge that he likes the painting. The friends square off over the canvas, using the painting as an excuse to relentlessly batter one another over their various failures. Their arguments become less theoretical and more personal, bordering on destroying their friendships. Finally, at the breaking point, Serge hands Marc a felt tip pen and dares him: “Go on.” This is the time when their friendships are tested and the aftermath of the actions and reactions affirms the power of those bonds.

Directed by Parjad Sharifi
 Performances November 13-23, 2019



4. Richard III by William Shakespeare “A Kingdom, a horse, and lots of blood...”
Directed by Anna Griffith
Performances March 11-21, 2020

5. Director’s showcase– Final project by fourth year Directing Showcase
theatre class
Performances in April 2020



Visual Arts

STUDENTS

1. Student successes

Cassie De Jong (BFA 2019) was awarded the College of Arts Dean's Award 2019– Humanities (\$200).

Madeline Hildebrandt, Lynden Chan, and Cassie de Jong are recent BFA grads nominated for 2019 BMO Arts competition.

Renee Campbell is currently working at the Kariton Gallery as a Gallery Co-ordinator for a practicum placement with the Abbotsford Arts Council.

Erin Caskey and **Avery Dow-Kenny** showed their works at the Kariton Art Gallery for the "Women in Art" event with Abbotsford Arts Council.

Deb Silver (BFA 2018) was accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program at Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design for fall 2019.

Kendra Anderson (BFA 2019) was accepted into two master's degree programs in Art History (York and Carleton).

Katherine Searle (BFA 2019) was accepted into Kutenai Art Therapy Institute, KATI, where she will pursue studies in Art Therapy.

Chantelle Trainor-Matties collaborated with 'Nations Creations' to design the "Pink Shirt" Day Design. \$5 from every purchase will go to help at-risk youth.

Jessie Klassen (BFA 2018) has acquired land and funding to build the first affordable coop space for artists in Abbotsford. Construction has already begun on Sumas Mt for 2245 square feet of shared studio space. For more information and updates, email abby.arts.collective@outlook.com.

Mitch Huttema (BFA 2018) has established his own company called Recording Project, which will create videos for a variety of events and purposes.

Akeem Nermo (alumni, BFA program) presented his MFA thesis to students in Senior Studio as well as to other classes and faculty in the VA department.

Michael Love (alumni, former faculty member) had a solo exhibition at Franc Galley in Vancouver.

Mallory Donen (alumni, BFA program) gave a talk on her art practice to students and faculty in VA department.



Community

1. Valley Fest

Valley Fest 2019 was a celebration of local culture at the University of the Fraser Valley and in the community. This event created an opportunity for UFV students, faculty, and staff to interact with each other and with the Valley communities. This one-week festival, which ran from March 11 to 16, 2019, featured diverse activities including Indigenous performances, art events, Riverdale conference, open classrooms on storytelling, visual communication, modern languages and other areas, movie nights and much more.

Visual Arts' Contributions to the Event:

Logo design: Shannon Pahladsingh (GDD diploma grad and current BFA student)

Poster and promotional material design: Jennifer Chew, VA VRT

Steering committee member: Jill Bain, AH faculty

Figure Painting with Shelley Stefan, students learned to paint a live model in both draped/undraped setting.

Photo Studio Dark Room Tour led by Grace Tsurumaru

Student Artists in S'eliyemetaxwtexw Art Gallery (SAG) Exhibition

Visual Arts Student Films, on view in C1001, looped showcase reels of students' work from VA 160 (Video Production I) and VA 261 (Video Production II) including short narrative films, animation, music videos and short documentaries.

Theatre Open Classrooms: Advanced Scene Study and Auditioning with Anna Griffith, students learned to create complex characterizations, apply auditioning and career- building skills, and undertake the challenges of an extended or demanding role; Stage Craft I with Claire Carolan, students learn the fundamentals of stagecraft, including communication, conflict resolution, and basic project management. Students worked on scenic art techniques for the stage; Stage Craft II with Claire Carolan, students learn the fundamentals of stagecraft, including safe work practices, teamwork, and theatre organization. Students worked on a sewing project during this class.

Open House: Theatre Wardrobe with Heather Robertson



Theatre Production – *Attempts on her Life*, by Martin Crimp directed by Alex Ferguson, an award-winning director and actor and Co-Artistic Director of the internationally acclaimed performance group Fight with a Stick.

2. Interpret Creative and Performing Arts Festival

This year’s Festival opened with a talk and performance by guest musician, Kimball Gallagher, the founder of 88 International, a non-profit organization based in New York.

Mr. Gallagher has performed in 30 countries and 7 continents and ended his 2015 world tour with a sold-out concert at Carnegie Hall in New York. He spoke about how this global perspective has informed not only his musical artistry but also inspired him to explore music as a tool for social change. He was delighted to be invited to speak at UFV.

The opening performance was followed by staged readings by Creative Writing students, the Devised Theatre Showcase by Theatre students and an exhibition by Visual Arts BFA graduating students.



VA graduates: Dorothy Keating, Katherine Searle, Madeline Hildebrandt, Cassie de Jong, Jenny Kingma, Andrew Muth, Sharon Clark, Lynden Chan, Jenna Cook, Austin Kwidzinski, Susan Thompson, Kaylee Stamm, Amanda Garcia.

Devised Performance collaborators: Belle Hernberg-Johnson, Danielle Edwards, Desiree Hale, Haotian (Cedric) Liu, Kirsten MacDonald, Xiao (Sherry) RuoYu, Yifan Gong.

Theatre 360 students: Linnea Balt, Coco Bedard, Steven Bowman, Beth Caldwell, Victoria Dufficy, Dyllan Egilson, Rebecca Enns, Maggie Eustache, Des Hale, Abhishek Kalia, Kirsten MacDonald, Dana Mandeville, Alicia Tobin, Cameron Mckerchar, Lucy Mulder, Aimee Payeur, Raghav Sharma, Noah Simpson, Juan Soma Genta, Luke Stevens, Christopher Taylor, Talia-Martine Tvergyak.

Creative Writing students: Lily Flores, Timothy Dovey, Cameron Summers, Janice Lang, Kemone Moodley, Shantelle Small, Jo Somers, Julia Dovey (alumna)

Program

1. School of Creative Art (SoCA)

The UFV College of Arts, Theatre Department, and Visual Arts Department are excited to announce that effective May 1, 2019, the Theatre and Visual Arts Departments and the Bachelor of Media Arts program have formed the School of Creative Arts. Heather DavisFisch has been appointed the new director of SoCA as of May 3, 2019.

The School of Creative Arts (SoCA) will promote creative practice, critical studies, digital media technologies in visual, media, and performing arts. The School prioritizes external engagement, community connectivity, diversity and accessibility, internationalization, and Indigenization. The



Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Media Arts degrees will be housed within the School.

All programs and courses offered in Theatre, Visual Arts, and Media Arts will continue. Students from these areas will benefit from increased opportunities for dynamic interdisciplinary and collaborative learning, inside and outside the classroom.

2. Special Topics- Expanding the Creative Process through the Art of Forest-Bathing

VA 395C: Creative Process and Outdoors is offered during Summer 2019 and taught by professor Melanie Jones. Through a series of outdoor excursions, students will engage with a variety of artistic techniques and creative processes, integrated with physical fitness such as walking and hiking. Emphasis will be on experiential learning, self-care, curiosity, shared experiences and deep reflection. Outdoor destinations include Othello Tunnels, Greater Vancouver Zoo, and Cultus Lake. This new course offering was made possible through the Fund for Innovative Teaching.



3. Annual Art on Campus

Art on Campus is an annual project now in its 6th year, led by Melanie Jones, Assistant Professor of Sculpture and Extended Media. Students in Sculpture & Extended Media II proposed and planned a public artwork which was exhibited outdoors at the Abbotsford Campus. The sculptures offer the campus community a window into the variety of forms and materials used in three-dimensional art.

4. VA390 I-LEAD Abby Photo Voice Project

390 Community Arts Practice students and high school students from Abbotsford collaborated on a Photo Voice project. This initiative is through I-Lead Abby, a Youth 4 Change Society. Classes were led by Toni Latour.

5. Prague Study Tour

The Prague Study Tour was recently led by faculty Chris Friesen and Aleksandra Idzior with a group of 12 students during April 27 and May 8, 2019.

The study tour travelled to Kutna Hora and Terezin in the Czech Republic. The trip offered participants experiential learning opportunities to experience unique cities with historical and contemporary significance such as the monumental Hradčany in Prague, the ossuary church in Kutna Hora, and a former Jewish ghetto in Terezin.

They had the chance to visit magnificent churches, synagogues, museums, galleries, public art installations, grand palaces, gardens and serene monasteries with splendid libraries. Students learned about the complex history and culture of the Czech Republic, positioned at the centre of Europe, while studying art, architecture, and urban planning in situ.



6. Audian Art Museum Field Trip

Visual Arts and Art History Students enjoyed their field trip to Whistler on March 19th, led by Art History faculty member Geoffrey Carr.



University Divisional Report – Faculty of Science, May 2019

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

Dean’s Office:

UFV hosted the Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair (FVRSF) April 3-6, 2019 [<http://bit.ly/FVRSF2019>]. Students from K-12 from 18 schools within the Fraser Valley competed for prizes and a chance to represent



Raina Goerzen, Lise Nehring, Dr. Nathan Bialas, Aisa Dobie & Shayne Oberhoffner – hosted the Biology Lab Tours during the Open House

Team BC at the [Canada Wide Science Fair](#) (CWSF). Thanks to the UFV Organizing Committee **Caroline Majeau** and **Janice Nagtegaal** from the FoS Dean’s Office; **Myra Hughes**

and **Drs. Jason Thomas**, Chief Judge and **Linus Chiang**, Awards Ceremony Emcee and project photographer from Chemistry; and Open House organizer **Dr. Nathan Bialas**, Biology. Awards Day began with our 2nd Annual Science Fair Open House. Over 100

people joined us for our lab tours and demonstrations which were hosted by some of our amazing Science faculty and students. Geography, Science Rocks! and the Super Science Club had some great hands on activities for everyone. We were thrilled to send 4 students (3 projects) to the CWSF held in Fredericton, New Brunswick May 11-18. The team Sarah Choi and Neelah Hassanzadeh from R.E. Mountain Secondary School, Langley brought home silver in their division.



Science Fair attendees were treated to Chemistry experiments during the Chem Lab Tours portion of the Open House



Winners of the 2019 FVRSF that participated at the CWSF with their chaperones



John Wise, President, Rotary Club and Dr. Robin Endelman

Registration for our Science Rocks! (SR) summer camps is now open and over half of our seats are filled. We are going into our 11th year and it wouldn’t be possible without the dedication of our SR team and sponsors. **Dr. Robin Endelman**, SR Coordinator and Math & Stats Professor, was presented with a \$2,500 cheque from the Rotary Club of Chilliwack. She has also been invited to the Abbotsford Community Foundation meeting later this month and will be presented with a cheque for \$2,500. SR has received a \$2,000 grant from the Canadian Mathematical Society to help support the SR Abbotsford and Chilliwack math camps. We also want to recognize the generous donations from our other 2019 sponsors: BC Greenhouse Growers, Clearbrook Kiwanis Club Abbotsford, Optimist Club of Chilliwack and Williams Engineering Canada – Abbotsford Division.

Dr. Robin Endelman, and SR leaders **Korissa Heibner** and **Nathan Enns** attended the McCammon Elementary School Family Gathering held in Chilliwack on May 1, 2019. They gave away door prizes, SR t-shirts and a complementary spot in a camp of their choice.

Biology technician **Jenny Hamilton**, contributed to “louden singletree” a writing and visual art publication from UFV, and her work is featured in issue 11:68-69.



Nathan Enns & Korissa Heibner Family Gathering Event

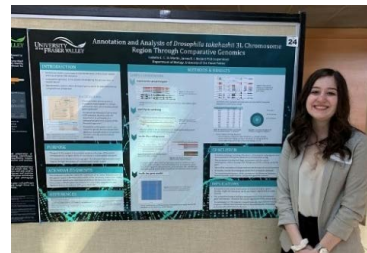


Dr. Golfam Ghafourifar, Chemistry

Due to the weather conditions the UFV Faculty Micro-Lectures Series was rescheduled to April 2. **Dr. Stephen Thomas** from Biology presented on Pioneering Microbes while Chemistry Professor, **Dr. Golfam Ghafourifar** presented on Peptide mapping using IMERs.

Once again, UFV will be sending one student to London, UK, this summer (all expenses paid) to attend the [London International Youth Science Forum](#)

(LIYSF). Our finalists were **Connor Frey, Rebecca Gourde, Jordan Penner, and Isabelle St-Martin**. On March 28 each finalist presented on a research topic of their choice to our selection panel. The successful candidate who will represent UFV is Biology student, **Isabelle St-Martin**. She will join 500 other leading young scientists from more than 70 participating countries this July!



Isabelle St-Martin, Biology Student

Pat Harrison, Biology Lab Instructor and Chair of the Centre for Sustainability invited **Dieter Geesing** from UFV's Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies to present at the FoS greenSPEAK Seminar Series held on March 27. His presentation focused on how we maintain a healthy climate and healthy soils in the Fraser Valley. The Seminar Series continued on April 4 with John Vissers, a member of the Abbotsford Environmental Advisory Committee, he presented on the future of public transit in the Fraser Valley.

Biology:

Biology Professors, **Drs. Allan Arndt, James Bedard, Sandra Gillespie, Carlos Leon, Allan Reid**, as well as **Jennifer Barrett**, and Lab Technician **Avril Alfred** along with 24 biology students spent 2 weeks in Tofino exploring the wild west coast of Vancouver Island while earning credits towards their degree.



Tofino Field School 2019



Veronica Kobes, 3rd year UFV Biology student appeared in the April 24 issue of Varsity Letters –

with Howard Tsumura “UFV’s Veronica Kobes: The walk-on who refused to walk away speaks to her dual dreams of a career with Cascades hoops and a med school future”. In addition to holding a 4.3 grade-point average, she’s a research assistant with Dean **Dr. Lucy Lee**, and a rising fourth-year forward with the Cascades’ women’s basketball team. <http://bit.ly/2JGjAzl>

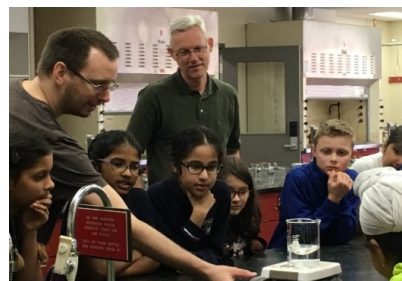
On March 30, Biology Professor, **Dr. Nathan Bialas** along with a number of UFV Biology students attended the Annual Undergraduate Research Conference held at the University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus. Students who presented were: **Eryn Braley, Cassandra Friesen, Brayden Griffiths, Brenna Hay, Ajeet Singh Klaer, Ajdin Masic, Shayne Oberhoffner, Isabelle St-Martin, Mark Stephens, and Ceilidh Welch**.



Valley Fest was celebrated March 11-16 across the UFV Campus in Abbotsford. As part of this event, Biology Professor, **Dr. Alan Reid** hosted two guided lunchtime walking tours of the Abbotsford campus.

Chemistry

The Chemistry department opened their doors to some eager scientists. On April 23, students from MEI threw on their lab coats and took part in some chemistry experiments with Lab Instructor, **Grant Fritzke** and Lab Tech, **Aileen Ablog**. Students from South Poplar Elementary School had the opportunity to hang out at UFV for the afternoon with **Dr. Cory Beshara**, Chemistry Department Head. They enjoyed a pizza lunch and then headed to the Chemistry lab for some demonstrations with help from **Dr. Pedro Montoya-Pelaez** and **Aileen Ablog**.



Dr. Cory Beshara with students from South Poplar Elementary School, Abbotsford

Chemistry Lab Technician, **Aileen Ablog** hosted a book signing for her “Ketogenic Pressure Cooker” cookbook on March 16, 2019 Coles Bookstore in Chilliwack.

SAGE

As of April 1, 2019 UFV Geography and the Environment became part of the Faculty of Science as part of the newly approved School of Agriculture, Geography and Environment (SAGE). The school whose name may still change, is currently under the interim directorship of **Dr. Greg Schlitt**, Associate Professor of Math & Stats, who is leading the implementation of this school within FoS.



Steve Marsh at Stoney Creek, Abbotsford

Steve Marsh, Associate Professor in Geography and his research student, **Donovan Toews**, hosted a Jane’s Walk on May 5 with exploring Stoney Creek. The topic of the walk was the health and threats to the local water courses. **Dr. Cherie Enns**, yes! she successfully defended her PhD last term and is busy as always. She continues coordinating the Queen Elizabeth Scholars (QES) program where UFV is one of 20 universities receiving funding. Four students will depart for Kenya with the QES funding and two scholars from Kenya have just arrived to UFV for an international internship.

Dr. Lenore Newman can add a new book to her list, “Lost Feast: Culinary Extinction and the Future of Food”. It will be available October 8, 2019 and can be pre-ordered on Amazon.ca.

Math & Stats

The Annual BC Secondary Schools Math Contest, organized by **Dr. Ian Affleck** and many volunteers from the Math & Stats department, was held at the Chilliwack Campus on May 3, 2019. Over 100 students competed for prizes and UFV tuition waivers.

47 Rick Hansen Secondary School dual-credit students are getting a taste of university. They have signed up for STAT 106 this May-June which is being taught by **Drs. Longlong Huang** and **Ruwan Karunanayaka**.



BC Secondary Schools Math Contest

The inaugural *Fraser Valley Mathematics Education Sq'ep* was held at the Chilliwack Campus Gathering Place on February 22. This one-day event brought together about 70 participants which included local teachers,

UFV math faculty, TEP faculty, TEP students, and MATH 105 students who shared ideas, examples, resources, teaching practices and research activities that “weave” Indigenous knowledge and world views of knowing and connecting with mathematical learning. **Drs. Stan Manu, Kseniya Garaschuk, Vanessa Radzimski** were part of the steering committee that brought this event to fruition. Next year’s event is now being planned thanks to a FIT grant and assistance from the Math & Stats faculty as well as from the office of the Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs. The Official Logo (above) for the annual *Fraser Valley Mathematics Education Sq’ép* was designed by a local indigenous artist, Michael Russel.



The Math and Stats Centre has hired a DAC Co-op student, **Nooshin Lary**, to work in the centre this summer. She will be helping students and doing some analysis of centre usage data.

Dr. David Chu, through a work study grant, and the Career Centre have jointly hired a DAC Co-op student to do stats research this summer.



Math Mania at the Family Gathering Event

Math Mania was invited to attend the McCammon Elementary School Family Gathering held in Chilliwack on May 1. Dr. **Cindy Loten, Karin Loots** and two student volunteers took their math fun to the event. The final Math Mania of the year was held at Auguston Traditional Elementary School, Abbotsford on May 1⁵. **Cindy Loten** and 10 faculty and student volunteers held an evening of fun math activities for parents and students in the community.

The Math and Stat Centres were open until midnight in Abbotsford and 10:00 PM in Chilliwack as part of the Long Night Against Procrastination event held on March 6 and 7. Thanks to our

instructors **Anna Kuczynska, Erik Talvila, Ruwan Karunanayaka**, and students **Kennedy Zwarych, Tanner Boos**, and **Aaron Kornelson** for making this possible.



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Faculty of Health Sciences**

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

Health Sciences Dean's Office

Faculty of Health Sciences launches strategic planning for 2025

The Faculty of Health Sciences is excited to engage in visioning for our 2025 strategic plan. A strategic working group has been formed within the faculty to begin the process of collecting data to inform the direction of health sciences.

Christina Forcier moves to President's Office and Eleanor Busse-Klassen to retire, again!



A warm thank-you to Eleanor Busse-Klassen for returning from retirement to step into the role as acting Assistant to the Dean while Christina Forcier was on maternity leave.



Congratulations to Christina Forcier on her move to the President's Office. Christina will take on the role of Operations Manager. The Faculty of Health Sciences wishes her all the best and thanks her for her time as Assistant to the Dean.

Promotional videos for kinesiology and certified dental assisting

Two promotional videos are complete for the kinesiology and certified dental assistant program. Local film company, Cassiar Film Co., based in Abbotsford, was hired over the winter semester to create videos showcasing the programs. Content is featured on the program webpages, along with social media platforms (links below).

[Kinesiology video](#)
[CDA video](#)

Exercise is Medicine: Dr. Don McKenzie shares his research at Dean's Speaker Series

Dr. Don McKenzie is a global leader in the science of cancer and exercise. Challenging the notion that women diagnosed with breast cancer should avoid upper-body exercise, McKenzie's



research focuses on dragon boat paddling as an avenue for improving existing cases of breast cancer-related lymphedema.



McKenzie shared his world renowned research with the University of the Fraser Valley on Monday, March 18, 2019 in Abbotsford as part of the Faculty of Health Sciences Dean's Speaker Series.

McKenzie is a Professor of Kinesiology and Director of the Division of Sports Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He is an exercise physiologist and physician with a long track record of research in the areas of exercise physiology, sports medicine, and exercise and cancer. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Guelph, a Master of Physical Education from the University of British Columbia, a doctorate from Ohio State University, and a Doctor of Medicine from UBC. McKenzie has published extensively in the fields of exercise physiology, sports medicine, and cancer. His research has received over \$5.5 million in funding. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed journal publications and 17 book chapters, and has given countless presentations and invited talks. In 2001, he was awarded the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology Honour Award, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of exercise physiology. Also in 2001, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal at Rideau Hall by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada. He is a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient and in 2007, he was awarded an honorary LLD doctorate degree from the University of Guelph.

Christine Drew presented with Dean's Award at Student Research Day

Nursing student Christine Drew was this year's recipient for the Undergraduate Research Excellence Award and Health Sciences Dean's Award. Under the supervision of Shelley Canning, Christine's research explores the understanding and comfort levels of nursing students with medical assistance in dying (MAiD).



Christine will present her research at UBC Graduate Student Research Symposium on May 21, 2019.



School of Health Studies

Certified Dental Assisting students offer affordable and preventative services to public

Certified Dental Assistant students provide high quality, professional, preventive care at low cost. UFV's large, modern clinic is equipped with the most current equipment and technology. Open annually in May, the public clinic offers affordable preventive services to children and young adults. Care is provided by Certified Dental Assistant students under the supervision of qualified faculty who are trained and certified in the field. Services offered include X-rays, fluoride application, sealants, selective polishing of teeth, and oral hygiene instruction. The fee for all services is 10 dollars, and the only catch is patients need to be screened by a dentist first.



Nursing students embark on international study tour to Sierra Leone



On May 17, Catherine Smith, Adele Phillips, and Janice Savoy from the BSN program will travel with a group of BSN students to begin the 2019 study tour to Sierra Leone.

The course is an example of the Faculty of Health Sciences approach to preparing health and wellness leaders in the local community and beyond.

The four-week study tour will include a hands-on clinical component where students will have the opportunity to engage in nursing practices in government funded and private hospitals, as well as community clinics and health centres in West Africa.

Follow their experience at: <https://experienceglobalnursing.com/>



Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) students engage in public health education at Chehalis Community School

Students from the CDA program visited Chehalis Community School in April where they had the opportunity to offer oral and public health education for students in K-12. CDA students shared their knowledge of oral health prevention strategies through a series of presentations and hands-on activities for Chehalis students.



Faculty changes in nursing

The Faculty of Health Sciences welcomes several new permanent faculty members in 2019. Starting in August: Jenn Van Der Gulik will join the BSN programme as an Assistant Professor; Harman Sidhu and Mohammad (Moe) Khaligh-Razavi will be joining the PN programme as Assistant Professors. Retiring this year are Janice Savoy and Karen Davidson from the BSN programme. Daljeet Nagpal is also leaving the PN programme this summer to move to Ontario.

UFV nursing students propose anti-stigma campaign options for Chilliwack Overdose Community Action Team at Stó:lō Nation

Last month, upper-level students from the Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) program had the opportunity to create anti-stigma campaigns to address stereotypes that may exist among sub-populations in the community. The goal was to reduce the stigma attached to substance use and to encourage community members to approach matters without judgement. Nursing students were invited to the Stó:lō Nation Service Agency to present their ideas to a panel of Chilliwack Overdose Community Action Team (OCAT) members. Messages were shaped to reach a variety of audiences ranging from local business owners, to emergency staff, health care professionals, law enforcement, teachers and youth workers, guardians, athletes and tradespeople. Nursing students and faculty hope to use their messages to create awareness within the university community as well.

Chilliwack is one of the many communities across the province that is in urgent need of community-based interventions to combat substance misuse and overdose. The OCAT is a provincially funded table responsible for a multi-sectoral, collaborative, community-based response to the overdose crisis that includes stigma-reduction efforts.



Department of Kinesiology

Dr. Iris Lesser new faculty hire in kinesiology

Dr. Iris Lesser will continue her work in the kinesiology department as an assistant professor starting August 2019. Lesser has been with UFV since 2014 as a sessional instructor and LTA. She is a certified exercise physiologist and holds a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology from Dalhousie University, a Master of Science in physical education and recreation from the University of Alberta, and a Doctorate degree in biomedical physiology and kinesiology from SFU.

Dr. Iris Lesser and kinesiology student Joleen explore the connection between nature and anxiety in cancer survivors (retrieved from the [Abbotsford News](#))



UFV student Joleen Prystupa is setting out to measure how interactions with nature can help lower anxiety in cancer survivors. Prystupa is conducting the research as part of her final credits toward her degree in kinesiology under the supervision of Dr. Iris Lesser.

Prystupa will be focusing in on a very specific target group — cancer survivors struggling with anxiety — and is putting the call out for a spring start-up. The group will head out with her twice a week for eight weeks, to get into nature through trail walking together. Prystupa’s current degree has an emphasis on exercise science, she has a degree in outdoor leadership, and she’s a qualified hiking guide.

Dr. Michael Gaetz presents at BC Association of Kinesiologists (BCAK) AGM

Dr. Michael Gaetz presented his research to BCAK at their AGM in May. His topic focused on stress and chronic disease. The intent of his presentation was to discuss the negative physiological and psychological impact of stress on the human body, explain the nature of chronic disease and associated stressors, and its adverse effect on disease severity, and educate clients about the nature of stress and the value of coping skills.

Many UFV kinesiology alumni were in attendance for his talk as members of BCAK.



Champions for Health currently in Antigua



Dr. Joanna Sheppard and her team of Champions are well into their 2019 study tour in Antigua.

See what they are up to at:
<https://healthypromotingschools.com/>

Dr. Dave Harper launches new book: BioDiet

In *BioDiet*, health educator and researcher Dr. David G. Harper offers a new approach to eating: a low-carbohydrate, high-fat, ketogenic plan that works with the body's natural processes to improve health and reverse decades of damage caused by our collective carbohydrate addiction. The book draws on his professional experience and the latest research in nutritional science.

Featured Alumni

UFV alumnus puts an entrepreneurial spin on kinesiology

"Hips back! Shoulders pumping up and down! Feet parallel to the floor!"

Laura Robinson's words of encouragement, and safety, leave her class coming back for more.

Robinson manages Iron Cycle Club, an indoor cycling studio based in Abbotsford, where classes are grounded in evidence-based knowledge gained through her experience in the UFV kinesiology degree program.

Robinson graduated with a Bachelor of Kinesiology in 2013. With a passion for working with people and helping others meet their health goals, she worked for five years as a kinesiologist with Innovative Fitness in Abbotsford.





It was her love of teaching people how to prevent injury and reach peak physical performance that led her to operating Iron Cycle Club full-time.

“I always enjoyed group fitness as a hobby,” noted Robinson. “When I was working as a kinesiologist, one of my clients approached me about an opportunity to start Iron Cycle. With limited business planning experience, I was hesitant, but I’m so proud to say we’ve been operating for seven months now.”

Iron Cycle Club is founded on the principles of empowering people to reach their optimal health goals by instilling the confidence and skills to physically challenge their bodies and minds.

While boutique cycling studios are increasingly popular, and gyms continue to offer indoor cycling, Iron Cycle Club remains unique in its quest to pump you up.

“Before we launched the business, I participated in classes at other studios across the Lower Mainland and it was clear everyone loves spin classes, so I knew I had an audience.”



She decided that the “value add” she would bring to the market was expertise in designing spin classes with an emphasis on safety and injury prevention.

Using her understanding of exercise physiology and exercise prescription, skills she gained as a student in the kinesiology program at UFV, Robinson created a specific indoor cycling program grounded in science-based knowledge. She personally designed classes

with a focus on theories of performance and recovery.

“I knew it was necessary to evaluate how we can push people to a reasonable level without leaving them feeling defeated or injured,” explained Robinson. “To the average participant, it’s a fun and engaging fitness class, but a lot of hours have been dedicated to ensuring there is an intentional flow to the sequence of exercises on the bikes.”

“We want to help people get and stay fit in a way that empowers them with the tools to focus on prevention and well-being.”



With beads of sweat rolling down their faces and blood pumping, cyclists ride to the beat of music in a dimly lit room. Every aspect of Robinson's program is intentional. From the playlist she uses to each movement on the bike, Iron Cycle Club offers three different levels of classes aimed at building strength and confidence.

"I try to incorporate theories of sport psychology into my planning," says Robinson. "By balancing arousal and intensity of the class using music and lights, we've taken a fun fitness phenomenon and placed thought behind it. These are ideas I learned at UFV and in my practice as a kinesiologist."

Robinson and her team are certified indoor cycling instructors. But she takes training one step further by providing in-house development for her employees. By working one-on-one with her team of instructors, Robinson can ensure each fitness class is consistent in delivery.

"I want our instructors to feel assured they are leading a safe and effective workout in a way that helps educate the group about muscle engagement, posture, and recovery," says Robinson.

Instructors start by attending classes as a participant and Robinson takes time to breakdown the formula they follow by teaching them the basic exercise science principles behind the movements on the bikes.

"We teach people how to set up and use the bike properly, how to use resistance safely and effectively for their bodies, and we empower the class to take control of their fitness by offering suggestions for modifying movements to prevent injury, for example."

A fusion between fitness, fun, and science, Robinson is using her degree in the business of health. She praises the hands-on learning experiences gained at UFV with helping lay the ground work for Iron Cycle Club's exclusive approach to indoor cycling.

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Faculty of Access and Continuing Education Divisional Report

Applied Business Technology (ABT) Program

The two Fall 2019 cohorts of 41 students finished their courses in February 2019, showcased the products and services they developed in ABT 160: Web-based Business Communications at the ABT Trade Show on February 12 at Clearbrook Centre, and completed their three-week practicum during February and March. As is often the case, some students received job offers from their hosts while on practicum before the program was completed.

The 25 students in the Winter 2019 cohort, which started January 2019, will showcase the products and services they developed on Tuesday, May 28th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Clearbrook Centre prior to beginning their practica; visitors are welcome to attend this ABT Trade Show.

ABT's two permanent faculty, Christine Nehring and Mary Higgins, are in the second year of their longitudinal study on social media and technology use by students. The researchers expect to disseminate the results at the end of year five.

In addition to teaching three cohorts of students this year and conducting research, Christine and Mary took on all of the activities associated with ABT's program review, including hosting the Program Review External Review Panel for its site visit on May 9th and 10th. They look forward to reading the Review Panel's report, which is to be submitted in early June.

Finally, Christine will be taking a sabbatical during 2019/20 to conduct research designed to identify the gap between the skills students acquire during the ABT program and the skills employers require of them in the workplace. Mary will take on the role of program head while Christine is away.

Continuing Education (CE) Department

There is never a dull moment in the Continuing Education department. Staff and instructors have been working hard to create new programming (Activity Assistant certificate) and revise existing programming (Nursing Unit Clerk certificate) to better meet the needs of the communities we serve.

CE is thrilled to announce that the Chilliwack and Okanagan Divisions of Family Practice have each requested CE to facilitate a cohort of the Advanced Medical Office Assistant (AMOA) certificate program in their community. Graduates from the AMOA program have already made significant impacts in their communities by taking the administrative load off of physicians so that they can spend more time on patient care.

Continuing Education hosted an open house event on May 31 to attract prospective students to programs that are beginning in the fall semester. Over 100 people attended the event and expressed interest in CE's Public Relations certificate, Records Management certificate, and Legal Administrative Assistant certificate programs.

English Language Studies (ELS) Department

This past year, English Language Studies offered a variety of Intermediate and Advanced courses for domestic and international students. Course enrollments continued to include predominantly international students from India taking 070 and 080-level courses (University Foundation and Qualifying Studies students); however, the department was able to accommodate some domestic students from a range of linguistic and cultural backgrounds in its lower-level courses. This summer semester, ELS is providing a condensed schedule of courses for new international students with classes held three times a week from early May to mid-July.

In December 2018, Bob McGregor traveled to Chandigarh to teach one section of EAP 075 as part of UFV India's Academic Foundation Program; the department will provide instructors to teach six sections of EAP 075 in Chandigarh, again, this summer.

The department continues to provide personal assistance to all UFV students with English as an additional language through our weekly ELS Help Centre and Open Computer Lab hours.

Most Advanced-level English for Academic Preparation courses are now fully supported with Blackboard Learn (BBL), and the department has been working to integrate the BBL platform with new English for Academic Purposes (EAP) cross-curricular materials such as Academic Inquiry and University Success and web-based resources such as LearningBranch and MyEnglishLab.

Kerry Johnson, who was seconded by UFV Teaching and Learning on a part-time basis this year, delivered a series 90-minute workshops to UFV faculty and their students on communication and teamwork skills. Feedback from these workshops has been very positive, especially from faculty teaching classes with large numbers of new international students.

Upgrading and University Preparation (UUP) Department

The UUP department had a large influx of international students enrolled in MATH 085 (Grade 11 equivalent) classes during the Winter semester. To accommodate domestic and international student demand, UUP offered a total of 9 sections on both the Abbotsford and CEP campuses. Demand for Advanced and Provincial (Grade 12 equivalent) English, Math, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics classes is strong and enrollments continue to increase now that tuition is free.

The summer semester is under way with fewer international students enrolled in MATH 085 than last summer; nonetheless, there are four sections of MATH 085, which is twice as many as most summers. Other summer courses, including ENGL 081/ 09/099, multi-level MATH courses, MATH 096, and BIO 093 and well enrolled..

Instructional Assistants continue liaison work with community groups. In particular, Chilliwack's Michelle Rickaby is working to promote UUP's lower- level English courses.

One English instructor moved at the end of December 2019; another will be retiring at the end of August. As a result, the UUP department is in the process of hiring two new Assistant Professors who can teach English, Computers, Education and Career Planning (ECP), and IPK courses. In addition, two limited term appointment postings, one for Biology and one for English, have been posted, as have postings for science lab assistants.

The department is very pleased to see that 17 UUP students will be awarded their Adult Dogwood diplomas during UFV's June Convocation ceremonies; this is one of the largest group of students graduating with a the high school graduation that the department has seen.

Finally, the department will acknowledge the up-coming retirement of Jan Oosterhof-Contant at its retreat in early June. A long-serving faculty member, Jan has been an inspiration to others due her ability to teach challenging and dynamic courses such as Computers, Education and Career Planning, and English. Service has been another key contribution of Jan; over the years, she served on many department, Faculty, UFV, and provincial committees, In addition, she has always been wiling to mentor new faculty and share resources with others. We wish Jan all the best and will truly miss her.



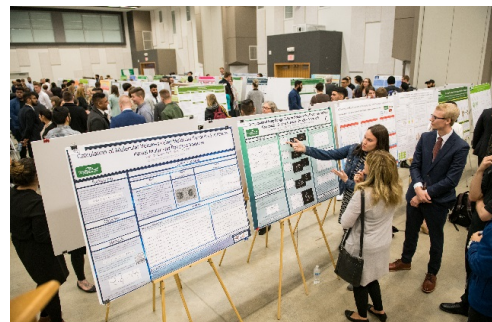
MEMO

To: Dr. Joanne MacLean, President and Vice-Chancellor
 From: Dr. Garry Fehr, AVP Research, Engagement and Graduate Studies
 Date: May 24, 2019
 Re: Research, Engagement and Graduate Studies University Divisional Report to the Board

Research, Engagement & Graduate Studies

Student Research Day

On March 26, the Research Office saw a record number of students at the annual [Student Research Day](#) with 95 student posters representing 187 students and 14 [micro-lectures](#). Topics ranged from *Exploring the understanding and comfort levels of nursing students with Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)* to *Sink or Swim, an Underwater ROV - electrical access required*. There were 15 awards presented to students and student groups who impressed the judges, faculty, researchers and other students alike. The level of [engagement](#) from senior administrators, faculty, staff and students was unprecedented. Evered Hall was very busy and filled with conversations of research and student success.



Faculty Micro-Lectures and Publication Celebration



On April 2, guests gathered at the Spirit Bear Café to listen to 13 faculty members take the two-minute [micro-lecture challenge](#), and speak about their research projects. The topics ranged from *Forum Theatre in Indigenous Communities* to *Pioneering Microbes*.

Faculty then moved over to the U-House conference centre to celebrate all the publications UFV faculty have published from 2017 to current, ranging from art exhibits and journal articles to books.

Four faculty members who published books briefly spoke about their work and their accomplishment. The four books include:

[Potlach as Pedagogy: Learning Through Ceremony](#) by Sara Davidson

[Black Public History in Chicago: Civil Rights Activism from World War II into the Cold War](#) by **Ian Rocksborough-Smith**

Indigenous Peoples and the Second World War: The Politics, Experiences and Legacies of War in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand by **Scott Sheffield**

Talking Past Each Other: Quebec and the Federal Dialogue in Canada, 1867-2017 by **Hamish Telford**

The Research Office is privileged to organize events that showcase faculty and student’s invaluable research.

Student Research

Dr. Jon Thomas and his student research assistant, Jordan Evans (UFV CIS), presented research papers on “University Entrepreneurship” and “Innovation in the Fraser Valley”, at the ISPIM Connects Conference in Ottawa April 7-10, 2019. ISPIM is the International Society for Professional Innovation Management formed in Norway in 1983 with members in over 70 countries. ISPIM Connects Ottawa is an international peer-reviewed conference attracting leading innovation researchers and practitioners from across the world. The event was particularly notable for Jordan as it was his first conference presentation and he was the only undergraduate student, while other presenters were professors, innovation practitioners or graduate students.



Students at Conferences



In 2018-2019, the Research, Engagement & Graduate Studies Office provided travel grants to support 31 students who presented their research at conferences across Canada, the United States, and the globe in places like Vienna and Amsterdam. Our amazing students are often the only undergraduates presenting at these conferences and they have the opportunity to interact with leading researchers in their field of study. Students often report that the experience was life changing and the highlight of their UFV education.

Centres and Institutes

On April 10, 2019 the [Centre for Global Development](#) in conjunction with the College of Arts, hosted the sixth edition of the [Politalk Roundtable Series](#). Professor Ding Lu, of Shanghai Tech University and Emeritus Professor from the UFV Department of Economics, spoke on the topic *China in the Global Economy*.

Professor Lu spoke to three main points:

- How rapidly China has risen to become a global economic power
- The opportunities and challenges China’s rise has brought to the world
- The significance of these opportunities and challenges to Canada

On March 29th, the [South Asian Studies Institute](#) hosted the opening reception to [“We are Hockey”](#) exhibit at the Historic Gur Sikh Temple in Abbotsford. The exhibit documents the experiences of people of colour in one of Canada’s most beloved sports. The reception was well attended and received by the [local community](#). The exhibit will remain open for one year for anyone to attend.

Grants and Funding

Researchers at UFV have secured external funding for many projects they are diligently working on which currently include:

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (over three years)	\$240,240.00
Abbotsford Division of Family Practice	\$8,000.00
District of Mission	\$50,000.00
City of Chilliwack	\$50,000.00
City of Abbotsford	\$50,000.00
BC Cranberry Marketing Commission (over two years)	\$21,400.50
Shastri Programme Development Grant	\$6,500.00
Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) (over three years)	\$135,000.00

May 2019

Highlights

from the VPS division



UFV student speaks at Former Youth in Care Conference



(L-R) Premier Horgan and UFV student Makayla Waldenberger

On April 16th, UFV Child and Youth Care student, **Makayla Waldenberger**, spoke at a news conference on the Former Youth in Care Tuition Waiver, with

Premier Horgan and the Minister of Education at Douglas College in Coquitlam. Makayla delivered an incredibly inspirational speech, representing UFV very

well at this event. Lorraine Bingert, Financial Aid & Awards Coordinator, was instrumental in identifying Makayla as a speaker for this event.



SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE VPS!

To Josephine Charlie, Indigenous Student Centre, who won UFV's Staff Excellence Award for 2019!

To Kyle Baillie, Director of Student Life & Development, who began his Ed.D. Winter 2019!

To VPS division employees honoured for their long service! For 10 years, **Daniel Goertz** (Recruitment), **Elaine Malloway** (ISC), and **Betty Peters** (ISC). For 20 years, **Julie Croft** (OReg). For 30 years, **Carol Ambridge** (Fin-Aid), **Nancy Den Boesterd** (OReg), and **Vera White-Phipps** (OReg).

To **Macbeth**, on his retirement after 13 years of serving UFV as a Pacific Assistance Dog!



Indigenous Student Centre joins VPS division

As of April 1, 2019, the Indigenous Student Centre (ISC) transitioned its reporting structure to the Vice President, Students (VPS). This change allows for great

er collaboration across Student Services areas as we seek to support all students. It will also enhance and inform the Indigenization efforts of the VPS team and will

provide members of the ISC with an expanded community of practice with fellow student services professionals. Read more [here](#).



BAKER HOUSE UPDATES

- ◇ There was a **twenty-six percent (26%) increase in community programming** participation this academic year, largely due to a new programming model and community development model which have both been well received.
- ◇ This academic year, we observed a **sixty percent (60%) decrease in conduct incidents**. This is largely due to an overhaul of the residence orientation program to co-develop community standards, and increase accountability.
- ◇ In Winter 2019, Residence Services hosted a Social Work practicum student whose semester project was to develop community in the building through programming, in partnership with the Resident Assistant team. The project was a success with the largest event being a **fundraiser for the UFV-SUS Food Bank that raised more than \$1700 dollars**.
- ◇ This summer, **Rachel Charette** will be joining Baker House in the position of **Residence Life Intern (RIL)**. The RIL assumes responsibility as a live-in support and supervision position for Resident Assistant staff. As RIL, Rachel will be collaborating with New Student Orientation (NSO) organizers, UFV International and Housing Operations to coordinate various residence transition programs.

HOUSING WINTER PROGRAMS:

Bell Let's Talk facilitated discussions

Let's Taco 'Bout It discussions about bullying

Women Empowering Women facilitated discussion

RezRec recreational activities series

Fun in the Snow

Be Aware Before You Dare drug risk awareness

Cooking Classes

Weekly Games & Music Nights

Attending Sports Games

Monthly Community Dinners

Co-op Education at UFV info sessions

Academic Advising support

Cultural Events

Fundraising Events

Paint Nights

UFV men's golf update

The **UFV men's golf team** will defend its title at the Canadian University/College Championships on May 28-31 at FireRock Golf Club in Komoka, Ont. Head coach **Chris Bertram's** squad has had a strong spring season, with victories in its last three exhibition tournaments.

Cascades annual awards

In April, the Cascades handed out their annual awards. Athletes of the year for team sports were **Tammer Byrne** (men's soccer) and **Taylor Claggett** (women's basketball), while **Brad Hildenbrandt** (men's wrestling) and **Ana Godinez Gonzalez** (women's wrestling) took home the athlete of the year prizes for individual sports.

CHAMPIONS: Cascades baseball club wins CCBC title



The Cascades baseball club capped its third season of Canadian College Baseball Conference (CCBC) competition by winning the league championship for the first time. The squad dropped its first game of the double-elimination tournament, but reeled off four straight wins to qualify for the best-of-three final vs. Okanagan College, winning two games to one. Read more [here](#).

Cascades volleyball teams move into Canada West league



UFV Athletics received some great news earlier this month as Canada West voted to accept the Cascades men's and women's volleyball teams into the conference. The teams will play one more season in the PACWEST conference in 2019-20, and will begin play in Canada West in 2020-21.

Canada West is one of four regional associations within the national governing body U SPORTS, representing the top level of university competition in Canada. The move brings all of the Cascades varsity sports under the

Canada West banner – basketball and soccer have been in the conference since 2006, wrestling was added in 2014, and golf makes its debut this fall as part of a brand-new Canada West golf league. In conjunction with the move, UFV will hire full-time men's and women's volleyball coaches (previously, those jobs had been part-time). Read more [here](#).

In April, UFV Athletics' Communications Coordinator, **Dan Kinvig**, was honoured at the inaugural Canada West Sports Information & Digital Awards in Canmore, AB where he received the 'Top Social Campaign' award for his outstanding work for the Cascades.



Photo: independentsportsnews.com

DISCOVER YOUR UFV 2019

All students who have been admitted to UFV for September 2019 and their supporters were invited to Discover Your UFV. Organized by the Student Life team, this event was held on three dates: May 14 and 15 at the Abbotsford campus and May 23 at the Chilliwack campus.

Discover Your UFV is an opportunity for new students to connect with other UFV students, get to know our campuses and resources, and prepare to start classes with confidence.

Students attended presentations on registration, campus tours, a program-specific group advising session, and a Resource Fair showcasing UFV's many supports and services. More information can be found on the New Student Orientation [website](#).



Mental Health Week

From May 6-12, the UFV Counselling department honoured the Canadian Mental Health Association's Mental Health Week by hosting our online [Mental Health Week Challenge](#). The UFV Community was invited to engage in a daily mental wellness activity involving topics such as wellness, gratitude, self-compassion, mindfulness and healthy eating. The Counselling team also collaborated with Campus Recreation to offer a 'Yoga for Self-care' on May 8th on the Abbotsford and CEP campus, which was attended by students and employees.

FINANCIAL AID & AWARDS UPDATES

All entrance award offers have been accepted for Fall 2019 and we appreciate those Board members who are attending high school graduation ceremonies throughout the Fraser Valley to recognize our recipients.

2018/2019 Student Award Distribution

These are the numbers for bursaries, scholarships, athletic scholarships and assistance, entrance scholarships, emergency grants and private/external awards administered through Financial Aid & Awards from 201805-201901:

537 Disbursements for **Bursaries** valued at \$437,264.41. Award values vary up to \$1,500/semester.

375 Disbursements for **Scholarships** valued at \$342,193.25. Award values vary up to approx. \$3,000/award.

23 Disbursements for **BC Athletic Assistance Program** valued at \$15,838.74. Award values vary up to approx. \$2,500.

159 Disbursements for **Athletic Scholarships** valued at \$154,626.37. Award values vary up to approx. \$3,000/award.

82 Disbursements for **Emergency Grants** valued at \$52,533.77

125 Disbursements for **Entrance Scholarships** valued at \$230,468.92. Award values vary up to \$40,000.

146 Disbursements for **Private/External Awards** valued at \$219,198.28

Total value of Scholarships and Bursaries administered through FAA for 201805-201901 is **\$1,232,925.46***

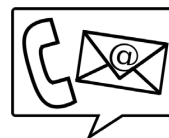
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Centre for Accessibility Services (CAS)

The Centre for Accessibility Services (CAS) is developing an online tool to help students, faculty, staff and community members further understand various disabilities, their functional impacts and support strategies in a post-secondary setting. This will supplement the work our advising team does to increase awareness regarding the legal and ethical requirements of the university surrounding disabilities and student services.

In the Winter 2019 semester, BSW student **Crystal Perry** joined the CAS for her practicum project, to investigate the development of a social support group for individuals who identify as neuro-atypical.

In May, the CAS was approved for Provincial funding to launch a pilot program to support transitions for individuals with disabilities into trades programs. This three-pillar approach will see the CAS liaising with potential students and counsellors, and providing "single point of contact" case management service to students once they are enrolled. This one year pilot will build on previous great work done by the CAS in partnership with the Trades department to support students.



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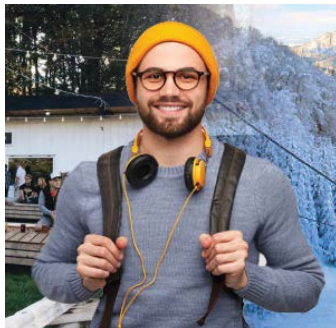
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President’s Office: Visioning Process

Marketing partnered with the President’s office on the eight-month project to create new statements of values, mission and vision for UFV. After assembling a working group of cross-organizational collaborators, we advised the President on the formation of the visioning steering committee and the process for gathering input and developing the new statements. As a result of consultation that has involved more than a thousand faculty, staff, student, alumni and broader community members, the new values, mission and vision statement go to the board for approval on May 16.



Human Resources: Employee Recruitment Campaign

Marketing has been partnered with Human Resources to tackle the challenge of recruiting new employees in a tight labour market. Kicking off with a focus group of current employees from a variety of fields, we gathered data on the elements that attract people to working at UFV. Marketing and HR have decided on a campaign theme that highlights UFV’s unique ability to provide challenging career opportunities and a lifestyle that aren’t available elsewhere. Over the next few months we will be developing that theme into a multi-channel recruitment campaign for web, social media and events.



Office of the Registrar: Student Enrollment Journey

Marketing has worked extensively over the years on student recruitment; however, recent data has indicated that many of our admitted students never take the next steps of paying a deposit and registering for classes. We recently spent a day with our partners in Recruitment, Admissions and Registration to map the journey we require our students to take from the application to enrollment stages. After identifying some key barriers and opportunities to engage our students at this important juncture, the cross-functional teams are working on a series of steps to improve the student experience

COMMUNICATIONS



Lenore Newman, Canada Research Chair, Food Security and the Environment was quoted in an item in the **New York Times** on the history and composition of the Nanaimo bar.



Counsellor Dawn Holt and **Mac the UFV therapy dog** appeared on **CTV Morning Live, CTV, Global TV, the Vancouver Sun, and MSN Online** for stories on Mac's retirement as a ground breaking therapy dog. CTV News at 6 also profiled Mac and Dawn Holt.



Makayla Waldenberger, Youth and Child Care student spoke alongside **Premier John Horgan** regarding the tuition waiver for former youth in care in BC. **AEST Minister Melanie Mark** also attended this event at **Douglas College**. The **Vancouver Sun** and **Province** also interviewed Makayla.



CBC covered the **Punjabi Legacy Project** and **Satwinder Bains, Director, SASI** was quoted. The **Vancouver Sun** also profiled this story. **Sara Davidson, associate professor, Teacher Education Program** and father **Robert Davidson** were profiled for their book **Potlatch as Pedagogy**. **CBC** also quoted **Fiona MacDonald, Dept. Head Political Science** regarding her research on an Indigenous birth coach program.



Eight **Applied and Technical Studies Students** from Chilliwack were highlighted in the **Chilliwack Progress** for **Skills Canada** success. **Iris Lesser, associate professor, Kinesiology and Kinesiology student Joleen Prystupa** appeared in a story profiling their research on how spending time in nature impacts anxiety in cancer survivors.



SASI's exhibit "We Are Hockey" was profiled in the **Abbotsford News** and the **Vancouver Sun** and **Province**. **The School of Creative Arts's Interpret Art Festival** was promoted in the News.

Communication project summary

- Skookum production
- Vision consultation and communication
- Snow communications
- Planned phone outage
- BC Pension Privacy Breach
- Various Fraser Health communications
- Manulife compliance
- Wrestling program model change
- Employment Centre changes and privacy
- Budget Open house communications
- Douglas Fir Tree Removal

ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

Advancement Revenue

The fiscal year closed with revenue totaling **\$2,567,182** (a 109% increase over fiscal 2017-18).

We received a total of **4,202 gifts** (a 21% increase over fiscal 2017-18).

27 new awards were established.

Staff Updates

Laura D’Alva, who has been supporting the department as an auxiliary employee has joined us on a temporary one-year contract as Assistant, Advancement & Alumni Relations. Most recently Laura served as Fundraising Coordinator for the Langley School District Foundation.

Searches are underway for a Community Giving Officer and Associate Director, Major & Planned Gifts.

Recent Gifts/Sponsorships/Grants

Walter Sussel donated several pieces of Northwest Coast Aboriginal Art valued at \$5,840

BC Hydro donated a Kenworth truck with crane valued at \$9,000

Abbotsford Community Foundation contributed \$2,500 for Science Rocks!

NSERC Young Innovators contributed **\$1,000 for Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair**

Otter Co-op contributed \$2,500 for the Agriculture Centre for Excellence as part of a multi-year agreement.

First West Credit Union/Envision Financial has partnered with the Alumni Association to pilot Stage Clips (a personalized, branded video of students crossing the stage) - \$8,000

Service agreements have been confirmed with the **City of Abbotsford** - \$50,000; **City of Chilliwack** - \$50,000; and the **City of Mission** - \$15,000 for a “Comprehensive Study of Current and Projected Land Needs” led by **Dr. Lenore Newman**, Food and Agriculture Institute

Recent Awards

Abbotsford Airshow Annual Leadership Award - 4 awards @ \$750 x 3 years

Hope Annual Bursary - \$1,000 award x 3 years

Be The Change Environmental Sustainability Annual Leadership Award - \$750 award x 3 years

Be The Change Social Justice Annual Leadership Award - \$750 award x 3 years

Rotary Club of the Fraser Valley Annual Leadership Award - \$750 award x 3 years

Scott Fast Gold Medal Award - \$200 department award

9 additional annual and awards & endowments are in progress

BC Graduate Entrance Scholarships (Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training) - \$15,000 scholarship x 10

Donor Relations

136 award donors were thanked and advised of the name/area of study of their award recipient. 291 students received scholarships and/or leadership awards in the 2018/2019 academic year. Advancement and Alumni Relations' e-newsletters were recently merged and sent out under the banner of **UFV News for Donors, Friends & Alumni** to 18,783 recipients who have opted to receive our e-newsletter.

The Ripple Makers monthly giving program is evolving, and the **Ripple Makers Society** will launch later this year as our platform for celebrating philanthropy across UFV. Stay tuned!

Signature Events

Save the Date! The 5th annual **Town & Gown** will take place November 13, 2019 at Evered Hall.

Prospera Credit Union has renewed its generous support as Presenting Sponsor.

Golf Tournaments

The 2nd annual **Building Bridges Community Golf Day** under the leadership of **Dr. Malwinder Dhami** and **Dr. Amarjit Bajwa** will take place August 23, 2019 at the Chilliwack Golf Club. The **Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association** has come on board as Event Partner. To register please visit

<https://connect.ufv.ca/2019-building-bridges-community-golf-day>

The 5th annual **Alumni Open** is set for September 13, 2019 at the Chilliwack Golf Club. To register please visit

<https://alumni.ufv.ca/events/ufv-alumni-open/>

The **2019 Nick Taylor Pro Am Golf Tournament** to benefit the Cascades Golf Team is set for September 13 at the Ledgeview Golf Club, under the leadership of UFV donor and volunteer **Phil Algra**.



Please contact Anita Nielsen at anita.nielsen@ufv.ca regarding sponsorship of these events!

Alumni Events

Alumni Relations collaborated with the UFV Student Union Society, UFV Biology and Chemistry Student Association (BCSA) and Canadian Blood Services to host a blood donation clinic on February 6, 2019. The event exceeded collection targets. Regular blood donation clinics will be taking place at UFV twice per year.

The UFV Alumni Association held its first-ever Surrey alumni event at the Surrey Central Brewpub on February 7, 2019. The next Alumni social is planned for Chilliwack in the Fall of 2019.

Alumni Relations partnered with the UFV Faculty and Staff Association to offer a family day at the Bloom Abbotsford Tulip Festival on April 29, 2019, and provided face-painting, balloons, bubbles, and craft activities to the delight of over 100 attendees.

Alumni in the News

The UFV Alumni website, Facebook and Twitter feeds have shared over 25 news pieces and stories featuring UFV alumni, in addition to promoting other UFV news and events.

Alumni Wine Program

This year marks the 15th anniversary of our alumni commemorative wine, with distinctive labels designed by UFV alumni. To view the label art over the past 15 years please visit <https://alumni.ufv.ca/news/celebrating-15-years-of-commemorative-wine/>

The 2019 commemorative wines are a **2016 Valley Cab** and a **2018 Estate Grown Madeleine Sylvaner**.

These limited edition wines make excellent graduation gifts, memorabilia, or prizes and all proceeds go towards supporting the UFV Alumni Association. Place your order through at alumni@ufv.ca.



CEREMONIES & EVENTS

In partnership with the College of Arts, Ceremonies & Events hosted **International Women’s Day** events with Honorary Doctorate recipient **Kim Bolan, award winning journalist including guest speakers Robyn Maynard and Gina Starblanket as panelist** on March 8 at the Abbotsford Campus.



In partnership with Research and Marketing, Ceremonies & Events coordinated UFV’s presence at the **#BCTECH Summit** on March 12 & 13, at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.



The Ceremonies & Events office coordinated attendance at the **Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards** on March 14 where the best practices of Fraser Valley organizations, initiatives and businesses in recognizing the diversity of our community were celebrated.



In partnership with the UFV Student Union Society, Ceremonies & Events coordinated the visit of **Minister Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training** on March 15. Minister Mark toured the Student Union Building with the SUS President Gurvir (G) Gill, UFV President’s Joanne MacLean and UFV’s Board Chair, John Pankratz and brought a celebratory announcement to UFV students with the declaration of **Interest Free Student Loans**, making post-secondary education more affordable in B.C.



In partnership with UFV’s Human Resources Office, Ceremonies & Events coordinated **UFV’s Employee Service Recognition Dinner** at the Quality Inn & Conference Centre on May 6. **Long Service Employees** and **Employee Service Excellence Award** recipients were celebrated at this event.



The Ceremonies & Events office coordinated the attendance at this year’s **Fraser Valley United Way Community Spirit Awards** on

May 7 where President Joanne MacLean presented the “Spirit of Community Award.” **Anita Nielsen, Executive Director of University Advancement and Alumni Relations** is a member of the Fraser Valley Regional District Council.

In partnership with the School of Business, the Ceremonies & Events office hosted keynote speaker, **Mr. Paul Esposito Sr.** for a lecture on **innovation and entrepreneurship**. Students, Faculty, Staff and Community enjoyed this inspirational time of Q&A’s with donor and UFV friend, Paul Esposito.



ANCILLARY SERVICES

Housing Operations

Spring has been a hive of activity at Baker House! We managed the move out of 160 students, the move in of new summer students, and the relocation of 30 students to the top two floors of Baker House, in order to make room for summer guest housing. Currently we are accommodating 63 students, whose demographic is shown in the chart below:

Summer 2019 Student Residence Population			
Canada	29	Kazakhstan	1
China	6	Korea	2
Columbia	1	Pakistan	1
Hong Kong	1	United Arab Emirates	1
India	11	United Kingdom	1
Indonesia	1	United States	1
Japan	4	Vietnam	3

Guest Housing began at Baker House on May 3rd. We are currently housing the UFV Bandits basketball group, as well as some individual external bookings. At this time, future reservations include a football camp, Around the World in 80 event, Alliance of BC and an ESL group.

Baker House accommodations are fully reserved for Fall 2019 and only a few rooms will be available in Winter 2020, due to exchange student move outs occurring in December. We are implementing a new program starting this Fall, which utilizes electronic signatures for our Residence Contracts. This will save time for our staff and improve efficiency for finalizing contracts with new and returning students.

Baker House has even been busy making décor improvements! A student contest was held, where the winner was allotted to select the paint colour for a feature wall in our common room kitchen. It was a very popular and interactive contest, which also included a random draw for a Tim Horton's gift card. The winner was Mehaknoor Kaur.

Print Services

UFV print services is preparing to host the 2019 Canadian University and College Print Management Association of Canada (CUPMAC) conference. This will be held in Harrison Hot Springs between June 23rd and June 26th, 2019. This marks the 52nd Annual conference, and is the first time that it will be hosted by UFV. The conference will include professional development, seminars, and a vendor trade show. Delegates from over 25 Universities and Colleges across Canada are expected to attend. The tent card and poster (see photo – right) was illustrated and designed by our work study student Kelly Ning.



Print services was also pleased to be chosen to provide all the printing for the recent South Asian Studies Exhibit "We are Hockey." This exhibit received plenty of media coverage and was mentioned in the Vancouver Sun and Abby News. The event was held at the Gur Sikh temple in Abbotsford. The group organizers were very pleased with our print quality, and our ability to complete the project within very tight deadlines.

Bookstore

The new Bookstore Manager is looking forward to working with the excellent UFV Bookstore team to continue effectively enabling student success and contributing to the UFV community.

The UFV Bookstore finished the fiscal 2018-2019 year returning a net contribution back to UFV again. A particular point to celebrate, is the continued growth of course materials delivered digitally; this now accounts for over \$300,000 in revenue in the last fiscal year. This delivery method broadens the options available to students and improves accessibility.

In collaboration with the Sustainability Office, the Bookstore will be phasing out the use of plastic bags over the summer, supporting environmental stewardship.

Parking Services

Parking Services continues to play an integral role in hosting and organizing space for students, employees, external businesses and charity groups to run exciting events at UFV. Major upcoming events sponsored by Parking services



WESTCOAST MOTORCYCLE RIDE TO LIVE
Raising Funds and Awareness for Prostate Cancer

are the Run for Water Expo, Ride to Live, and The Father's Day Run Walk for Prostate Cancer. The Ride to Live event will be hosted on the Abbotsford Campus, and is expected to draw about 500 motorbikes and participants! This will create great awareness and fund raising, in support of those affected by prostate cancer. Parking Services is proud to help out with so many great causes.

Additionally, rising popularity for the Abbotsford Centre as a venue, is both exciting and advantageous to Parking services. Growing attraction to these events helps boost parking revenue over the slower summer months, and we work closely with Impark and Security to ensure smooth running at these shows.

Parking Services has been helping support the collaboration between Relate Church and the Student Union, by organizing parking for their weekly Sunday service. Relate Church has been appreciative of our effective management and efforts, to ensure their parking area in Lot 10 is shared in a safe and positive manner with UFV's V-Twin Motorcycle group.

Dining Services



Dining services is constantly striving to come up with new and creative meal options. It is always a challenging, yet intriguing task to design healthy, diverse food choices, while also being conducive to sustainability and revenue returns. Dining Services and Dana Hospitality have been initiating plans to respond positively to the growing demand, indicated by student surveys, to promote locally grown and sustainable options in our Cafe. Dining services also takes into account the diverse range of cultures present in the student population and aims to incorporate culturally appropriate food options.

Another major consideration is the need for students to access affordable food; which is also remains healthy. With the rise in tuition and living costs, students are becoming increasingly vulnerable to food insecurity. Food purchases are therefore a daily concern for all students. Providing these healthy and affordable options is a top priority for our current partner vendor, Dana Hospitality. The role of Dining Services on campus is to not only provide quality food, but also to be a resource for providing food literacy for students. Good, nutritional food contributes to success in the classroom. Dana and Dining Services is committed to delivering and promoting this mandate.

Conference Services

The beginning of the fiscal year marks a "restart" for Conference Services. Last year over a quarter of a million dollars contributed to UFV's finances. As a revenue generating business unit, however, we wipe the slate clean and begin the challenge of [re] building our financial base. I am grateful for the success we have seen in a relatively short period of time.

A recent success story includes hosting the Silver Hills Bakery Employee Town Hall on campus for the first time. Approximately 300 employees gathered at UFV for this annual event. Conference Services

managed all the details, and with the assistance of Teaching & Learning Department, we were able to live stream this event around the world.



“I just wanted to drop you an email to say thank you to you and your team. The owners and employees had great feedback and thoroughly enjoyed being at UFV. We appreciate your accommodating us and our requests, and hope that we can continue to grow our relationship with UFV.” – Hayley Cotter, Office Administrator

Another highlight has been the opportunity to contribute to student success through the UFV Work-Study program. Conference services has been able to give UFV students a real world business experience; where they are able to network, build relationships and take part in day to day business operations. These are valuable connections developed here for their future career path. It is very disappointing that we were not approved for a Work-Study grant this year. Conference services strives to provide an exceptional guest experience, it is with this goal in mind that we continue to help grow business and promote UFV in practical and creative ways.

Campus Card



During the 2019 winter semester start-up, the Campus card office welcomed over 2,500 new and returning students, staff, and faculty. After two years of researching and testing, a new fleet of speciality card printers were selected and successfully installed in the card office for April, 2019. In comparison to the older printers, the new ones are smaller, more cost effective, and operate more efficiently (with less waste). We are pleased to report, that the new card printers use less consumables, while also producing better graphics for UFV’s Campus Card.

Additionally, the Campus Card office was invited to be a practicum host site for two Library and Information Technology students. Each student was engaged in operational aspects at the card office, including working the service counter, providing customer service, and issuing UFV ID cards for students, employees, and alumni. Students also gained experience in troubleshooting computer and equipment issues, handling cash, and adhering to confidentiality policies pertaining to cardholder records.

Furthermore, the Campus Card self-serve PHIL stations in both the Abbotsford and Chilliwack libraries have been changed to accept the new Canadian \$10 bill, featuring Viola Desmond.

