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Late summer 2023



We acknowledge and respect the lək̓ʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the University of Victoria stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

& ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA



University Librarian Jonathan Bengtson. Photo: Beth Doman

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN JONATHAN BENGTON RECEIVES APPOINTMENT AS ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA FELLOW

The Royal Society of Canada (RSC) is celebrating 10 University of Victoria researchers—the most ever at one time—with the country's highest academic honour. The researchers, who work in the fields of social sciences, humanities, library sciences, engineering, human and social development,

education and medical sciences, join as new RSC fellows and members to the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

The society's peer-elected recipients are chosen for their academic excellence and their remarkable contributions to the arts, humanities and sciences, and to Canadian public life.

Jonathan Bengtson (Libraries), Alison Chapman (English), Eric Higgs (Environmental Studies), Cornelis van Kooten (Economics) and Amy Verdun (Political Science) are elected as new fellows. Mohsen Akbari (Mechanical Engineering), Magdalena Bazalova-Carter (Medical Physics), Doris Kakuru (Child and Youth Care), Onowa McIvor (Indigenous Education) and Marie-Ève Tremblay (Medical Sciences) join the RSC as UVic's newest members of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

"The library is no longer simply the repository of the products of research, but rather it is integrated into the full lifecycle of teaching, research, and learning at the university. As such the library is uniquely positioned as a transdisciplinary hub that can accelerate new knowledge creation and help to address global challenges." - Jonathan Bengtson

Jonathan Bengtson's impact has led to transformative changes in the profession and practice of librarianship – including advances in open access to knowledge and data, pioneering digitization initiatives, and building national publishing and preservation infrastructure. Among numerous EDI initiatives, he established Canada's first Associate University Librarian for Reconciliation at UVic. During more than 25 years of international leadership, Bengtson has helped position academic libraries and library organizations as integral partners in research and learning during a time of profound change with the shift from analogue to digital-based knowledge systems. Founder of the international, peer-reviewed journal [*KULA: knowledge creation, dissemination, and preservation studies*](#), Bengtson's work largely focusses on the intersections of knowledge production and technological change.

[Read the full UVic story.](#)

& MESSAGE FROM UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN JONATHAN BENGTON



Photo: UVic Photo Services

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 academic year. This is one of my favorite times, as we welcome new students and colleagues, and reconnect with each other and with returning students and faculty. I find that September creeps up almost unexpectedly and is a jolt to the system, as it follows a few months of less meetings and a quieter campus. My summer began with a trip to Iqaluit, Yellowknife, and Whitehorse as part of a delegation from the Canadian Associate of Research Libraries. While on this trip I learned (on Canada Day in fact) of my appointment as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. I believe I will be one only two currently practicing librarians in the RSC, and one of only a handful ever elected to the Society. As such I will strive to advocate for the critical roles all libraries play in the health and wellbeing of our society.

Very best,

& AROUND THE LIBRARIES



Photo: Armando Tura

NEW LIBRARIAN HIRES

The year we welcomed a number of new librarians to UVic Libraries.

In August, we saw the return of Law Librarian [Sarah Miller](#), who had worked previously in a limited term position at the Libraries. Sarah provides learning and research assistance, collection development, and embedded course instruction and curriculum engagement in the Faculty of Law.

Following Miller's arrival, we welcomed Web Integration Librarian [Caitlin Keenan](#), who plays a key role in the ongoing design and implementation of UVic Libraries' digital presence that enhances our role in furthering academic research, student success, community engagement, and university reputation.

At the beginning of the autumn term we also welcomed [Courtney Lundrigan](#) as Head, Engagement and Learning. Courtney provides collaborative leadership for library initiatives related to student academic success.

Evelyn Feldman, Acquisitions and Electronic Resources Librarian, arrived at UVic Libraries in September and provides fiscal oversight and leadership in the acquisition of research materials including the management, organization, integration, and discovery of electronic resources.

& IN THE COMMUNITY

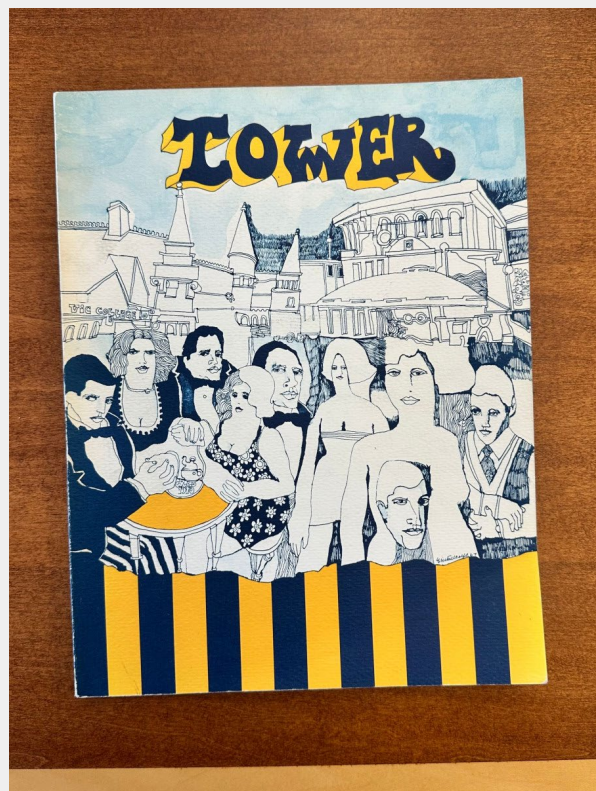


LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR ALUMNI

In a recent social media campaign, Alumni Relations and UVic Libraries collaborated on a [Wes Anderson-inspired video](#) that highlights the wide range of [library resources](#) that are available to Alumni.

Did you know that after you graduate from UVic, you can still use the university's library and many of its resources?

Whether you're borrowing books, accessing online journals or taking the library's vast collection of vinyl records out for a spin, there's plenty for alumni to check out.



Are you interested in touching UVic's past through the [Tower](#) yearbook? Visit [Special Collections & University Archives](#) (located in



LATIN CLASSES FOR ALL

Offered by UVic Libraries, Medieval Studies & Greek and Roman Studies with [Dr. Gregory Rowe](#), UVic

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Mearns - McPherson Library, Room A025,
UVic Campus
Sept. 27, 2023 – April 24, 2024
(no class Nov.15, Dec. 20–Jan. 3, Feb. 21.)

Disce Latīnē legendō loquendō lūdendō
canendō — Learn Latin through reading,
speaking, playing, and singing!

Latin for All is a free course, and no grades will be assigned. It is open to students of all ages and backgrounds. Start from the ground up, or practice with others at a similar level. Prepare for formal university courses, or enjoy Latin as a hobby.

[Registration](#) for the 2023–24 class starts in September. For details write to victoria.latin.class@gmail.com

NEW E-BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

UVic Libraries' e-Publishing initiative has released two new open access publications:

[Toward a Moral Horizon: Nursing Ethics for](#)

the lower level), and library staff can help you.



CONTINUING STUDIES AT UVIC Toss your limits, embrace your potential!

Are you looking to advance your professional development and succeed in the competitive job market? Continuing Studies at UVic is proud to support the StrongerBC Future Ready Action Plan to help you reach your full potential. The StrongerBC future skills grant, created by the Government of British Columbia, is designed to help eligible BC students progress in their careers and fill in-demand jobs. You could receive up to \$3,500 to be put towards short-term skills training at BC public post-secondary institutions.

[Learn more](#)

Leadership and Practice

Rosalie Starzomski; Janet L. Storch; Patricia Rodney

This third edition of *Toward a Moral Horizon: Nursing Ethics for Leadership and Practice* open textbook will assist nurses and all health care providers to take up the challenge of embedding ethics in health care practice, education, research, and policy at all levels—from the local to the global. In the current complex health care environment, more nurses are engaging in graduate studies to enhance their knowledge and expertise in providing necessary leadership in all health care settings.

“Tell Them Not to Hate”: Words of Witness and Sacred Imperatives

Richard Kool (Ed.); Rabbi Victor Hillel Reinstein

"My family's secrets were hidden until 1994, when, at the Victoria Yom Ha'shoah service, I realized I needed to understand what happened to my mother. Rabbi Reinstein's influence at that time was an important part of my journey to uncovering her history as a Dutch teenager in hiding.

"Hearing Victor's talk in Victoria in January 2020, I realized I still owed a large debt to him. This elaboration of his presentation, featuring images of the people he spoke about, is an offering of gratitude to him for all the gifts he's given me and my entire family."



**A TRAMPLED MANUSCRIPT CONCERT:
The Lost Klezmer Music of the An-ski Expeditions**

Kvell's Angels is a new Klezmer Ensemble, bringing the "Trampled Manuscripts" of the Kiselgof-Makonovestky archive to life.

**kvell: to be deeply delighted and proud of someone else's happiness.*

Amy Paster, violin

Julia Herzog, flute

Lucila Nerenberg, guitar

Laura Rosenberg, concertina

Sunday, October 1, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Mearns Centre for Learning - McPherson Library

[Registration required](#)

From 1912–1914, S. An-ski ([Shloyme Zaynvl Rapoport](#)) headed [ethnographic expeditions](#) to the [Pale of Jewish Settlement](#), recording folktales, legends, and traditions as well as instrumental and synagogue melodies.

Musical manuscripts from the An-ski expeditions are located at the Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine. Previously unavailable to klezmer musicians, the musical scores are being shared through the [Kiselgof-Makonovetsky Digital Manuscript Project](#), an international open source digital humanities project connecting participants with the work of important klezmer musicians from late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

Co-hosted with the UVic Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies.

& IN THE VAULT



Lecture: Art, Storytelling, and Climate Justice with the Beehive Design Collective

Thursday, September 21, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Mearns Centre for Learning - McPherson Library, Room A003, Lower Level

[Register](#)

A Beehive Collective member will give an interactive presentation featuring larger-than-life and intricately detailed art murals showcasing the struggle against coal mining. "The True Cost of Coal" graphic murals are a lens through which to understand the historical and contemporary story of energy and resource extraction. Teeming with intricate images of plants and animals from the most biodiverse temperate forest on the planet—and now currently threatened by coal mining—the Bee will share (and seek) stories of how mountaintop removal coal mining affects the region's communities and ecosystems.

Learn more about the [Beehive Collective](#).

& IN THE NEWS



TRANSGENDER ARCHIVES

Did you know that UVic is home to the largest [Transgender Archives](#) in the world? For Pride Month, held this past June, local and U.S. media outlets were celebrating the occasion.



WHAT'S IN THE VAULT?

Heather Dean, Associate Director, Special Collections, and Jane Morrison, Associate University Archivist, spoke to a *Martlet* reporter about the treasures in the Special Collections vault, and why it should matter to

[The Saturday Evening Post](#)

[PBS](#)

[Saanich News](#)

students.

[Read the Martlet story](#)

& OUR PEOPLE, YOUR LIBRARY

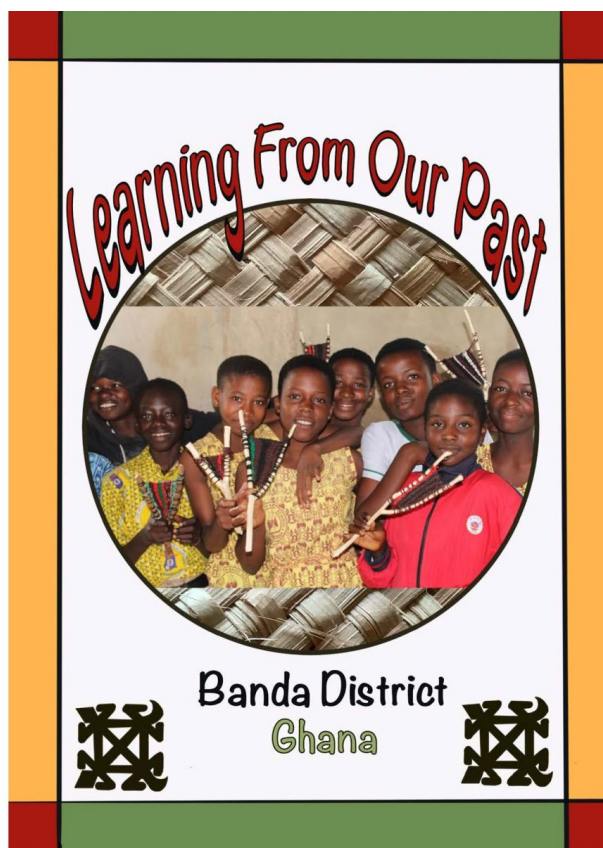


TELLING STORIES WITH DATA

The Digital Scholarship Commons had a busy year in 2022 helping students, faculty and staff learn to tell stories about their research in ways beyond text to further their public scholarship and knowledge mobilization efforts.

Some highlights from the [2022 Report](#) include:

- There were 5,905 participants
- The most popular workshops were WordPress, Excel, Video Editing, and Infographics
- A cohort of Indigenous Education students participated in hands-on training for educational technology and pedagogy
- 487 informal credentials were issued for successful workshop completion
- New and upgraded workshops were offered for Data Frames in Pandas, Design for Laser Cutting, Sketchnote Your Way to Better Grades, Survey creation in SurveyMonkey, Infographics with Canva, and Data Analysis with Excel



LEARNING FROM OUR PAST

Congratulations to UVic archaeologist Ann Stahl on a collaboration between Anthropology, Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and UVic Libraries that led to a set of published open access learning resources.

[Learning From Our Past](#)

[African Archaeology in Support of School Learning](#)

[Read the Scholarly Communications blog](#)

& THE LAST STORY



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NOW OPEN: THE NEW ASK US DESK

The Mearns Centre for Learning – McPherson Library main floor renovation is now complete and open with a new welcoming centralized Ask Us desk; accessible spaces for library staff and library users to collaborate; an expansion of the student lounge; and new multi-purpose furniture. Digital projection screens and new Indigenous artwork commissioned by UVic Libraries will also be installed in the space soon.

There are also four private and enclosed "Tek Booths," perfect for student Zoom meetings or focusing on solo work. They provide power, wireless Internet, and an ergonomic work surface. You can find them on the first floor of the library.

Renovations continue in the Fraser Building that impact the Diana M. Priestly Law Library. Library users can expect increased noise levels from time to time. Ear plugs are available for free from the law library Ask Us desk.

In addition to the new Ask Us desk, Access Services has a new set of [guiding principles for service](#) located on the [Libraries' Policies](#) website.



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