Green glory
BCom students take second place in national sustainability challenge

BY RACHEL GOLDSWORTHY

Upcycling chopsticks to furniture earned a quartet of business students one of the top two spots—and $15,000—in the national Walmart Green Student Challenge in Toronto Feb. 26. Vinson Chen, AJ Qin, Jennifer Sallows and Rebecca Staynor, calling themselves the Gustavson Greenshifters, beat students from universities across Canada when they came second out of more than 150 groups that began competing last fall.

The judges, a Who’s Who of Canadian business leaders, clearly were intrigued by the concept, to divert as many as 45 billion chopsticks annually from landfills in China to produce oriented strand board that would then be used to make furniture, was sparked last September 2012 at a Gustavson School of Business team-building exercise called Mission Impossible. Mission Impossible was an enters, an international team member. After a brain storm and hone innovative sustainability business ideas that would be a good fit in the country of the international team member. After a breathless four hours, they present their concepts to academic, community and business judges.

One of those judges, Gustavson PhD student Richard Tuck, said, “Anyone, at that age and just being introduced to business, who can view waste as a resource, let alone a resource for high value products, is someone to look out for. These guys impressed me.”

“As soon as we completed Mission Impossible, we knew we had a great idea,” Sallows says. “The four of us were an official team for the semester, and it turned out that we worked really well together...so we thought we would work just a little bit harder.”

When they heard about Walmart

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Vandana Shiva to speak

Dr. Vandana Shiva, one of the world’s most important ecofeminists and social justice activists, will receive an honorary UVic’s Canada Research Chair in Law and Constitutional Theory. She has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Law for a five-year term effective July 1, 2013, and her five-year term effective July 1, 2013. She will receive an honorary UVic’s Canada Research Chair in Law and Cultural Diversity, Constitutional Theory and Indigenous Rights. Webber has held UVic’s Canada Research Chair in Law and Society since 2002.

ADMIN APPOINTMENT

Jeremy Webber to be next law dean

Professor Jeremy Webber has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Law for a five-year term effective July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2018. An internationally recognized scholar in the areas of cultural diversity, constitutional theory and Indigenous rights, Webber has held UVic’s Canada Research Chair in Law and Society since 2002.

SPEED READING

UNESCO CHAIR

Canadian launch of chair in community-based research

March 4 marked the Canadian launch of the UNESCO International Chair in Community-Based Research, jointly held by UVic’s Dr. Budd Hall (public administration) and Dr. Rajesh Tandon, president of the Society for Participatory Research in Asia based in India. The focus of the chair’s program is to build research capacity in the field of community-based research and social responsibility in higher education in the Global South.


Safe and sound
Helping babies born with prenatal drug and alcohol exposure

BY PEIGI MCGILLIVRAY

Giving babies the best start in life is always a challenge, especially when they have been exposed to drugs or alcohol before they were born.

As poverty and other social issues have increased, the number of babies born with prenatal substance exposure has also risen. Many of these babies are resilient and can develop and grow well. However, because of the health issues they may face—including delays in development, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and neonatal drug withdrawal—their earliest days with foster families, receiving specialized care. Birth parents also need compassionate support as they cope with challenges such as violence, trauma, poverty and mental health issues.

That’s where Lenora Marcellus (nursing), a former neonatal intensive care nurse, comes in. In 1997, Marcellus began working with the Ministry of Children and Families and the local health authority to develop a training and support program for foster parents caring for substance-exposed infants.

Safe Babies, the pilot project, was so successful that it has since been implemented across British Columbia, and Marcellus is now helping adapt it for use in Alberta. In 2010, the Vancouver Island Foster Parent Support Services Society received a $100,000 award for Pediatric Home Care Innovation from the Sick Kids Foundation for the program. “Foster parents can make a real difference in outcomes for babies with prenatal drug or alcohol exposure—and their families,” says Marcellus. “Safe Babies teaches foster parents how to care for babies who have experienced withdrawal, about the impacts and effects of alcohol and other drugs, about developmental challenges, and about how to partner with and support families experiencing multiple life challenges in addition to substance use.”

Experienced foster parents deliver Safe Babies in partnership with local community organizations, and with continued support from the Ministry of Children and Families and Regional health authorities.

Marcellus sits on the board of the Vancouver Island Foster Parent Support Services Society, which coordinates the delivery of the Safe Babies Program, so is directly involved in bridging the gap between university and community. “The research I do into prematurity, sub
Josephson is the 2012 Staff Sustainability Champion

Ken Josephson (geography) was celebrated as the 2012 Staff Sustainability Champion at the opening reception of the Connect U all-staff conference on Feb. 20. While UVic is home to countless people who help make our campus more sustainable, a few stand out in the way they make a difference and inspire others. Josephson is one of those people, and the second UVic employee to receive this peer-nominated annual award.

In his 30 years at UVic, Josephson—a cartographer in the geography department—has made sustainability the guiding principle behind everything he does. He is perhaps best known for his work to spearhead community mapping projects, including the UVic Green Map [mapping.uvic.ca/], Community mapping incorporating citizens engagement to help create a sense of place and a collective vision for sustainability. Josephson is also the co-creator of the UVic Living Stories project [http://mapping.uvic.ca/UVILS/], which gathered stories of UVic's environmental history as an enabler of place-making envisioning.

Josephson was intimately involved in the design of some of the key sustainability features of the Social Sciences and Mathematics Building in which he works, including the green roof and the community mosaic project. On a smaller scale, he researched and arranged for the purchase of compostable plates, cutlery and cups for the geography department, and maintains the office composting program. Josephson also ensures the cartographic department uses 100-per-cent post-consumer waste recycled paper, biodegradable vinyl for printed banners and posters.

GReEnSHIFTERS CONTINUED FROM P.1

Canada’s Green Student Challenge, they jumped at it. From 130 original registrants, the Greenshifters were selected with 19 other teams to submit more detailed proposals, and then, with four other teams, to move to the finals held in Toronto. That’s where they presented their idea to Shelley Broader, president and CEO of Walmart Canada; Dianne Craig, CEO of Ford Motor Company of Canada; Chris O’Neil, managing director of Google Canada; Claude Mongraw, president and CEO of CN; Ana Dominguez, president and general manager of SC Johnson Canada; and Tom Heintzman, President of Bullfrog Power.

Afterward Sallows said, “I get every-thing and more than I was hoping to get out of [the competition]. Although we didn’t win first place, it was an incredible experience, and I’m sure that even more positive things will come out of it.”

“For me, the competition is all about gaining experience and connections,” said Sallows. “And who knows where those connections may lead in the future?”

Judging by the innovation, intelligence and commitment they’ve already shown, Chen, Qin, Sallows and Staynor might very soon be heading toward the ranks of those CEOs they wowed. More: http://bit.ly/127XNoT

The BC government tabled its 2013 budget in the legislature on Feb. 19. UVic has provided information on its website outlining the implications of the budget on the university [http://bit.ly/YTPCz].

The $500-million cut in funding to the post-secondary system previously announced in Budget 2012 will now be spread over three years instead of the original two: $5 million in 2013/14, $20 million in 2014/15 and $32 million in 2015/16. The government’s stated intention is that the cuts will be covered by “savings” in the post-secondary education system over the next three years.

A substantial amount will be difficult to achieve without affecting the quality of educational services to students, given the budget reductions and unfunded cost pressures that universities have experienced in the last several years, says UVic Vice-President Academic and Provost Reetta Tremblay.

UVic already has an ongoing structural deficit in its operating budget resulting from the annual cost of salary progression increases for faculty and staff that every year exceed the increase in tuition revenue allowed by government. UVic Vice-President Finance and Operations Gary Gorrill explains. Salary increases are not covered by provincial government funding.

As of this year’s university budget, all operating areas at UVic were asked to cut four per cent from their budgets effective April 1, 2013. This reduction will cover UVic’s structural deficit as well as the cost of salary settlements in 2013/14 with a buffer, but as yet unsubstantiated assumption about the possible size of the salary increase that currently awaits a decision through arbitration and enable the university to meet its statutory obligations to operate with a balanced budget.

Further reductions in UVic budgets will be required in the future, says Gorrill. The extent of budget reductions will depend on a variety of factors, including the faculty salary arbitration award, the reductions in provincial operating grants to universities, and settlement in upcoming negotiations for labour contracts that expire in 2014/15.

On May 14 British Columbians will go to the polls to elect a new government, which may present a revised budget edge. “In the current uncertain environment, Gorrill points out, the university must continue its budget planning based on the best information available.

‘It’s critical that the political parties look to the future with a plan to meet the skills shortage by expanding opportunities for all British Columbians through new investments in post-secondary education at all levels—university, college and trades training,’ says UVic President David Turpin.

“We need to start now to ensure that British Columbians are ready to take those high-value jobs when the jobs become available.”

In October, BC’s research university presidents came together to propose a package designed to meet this challenge with the Legislature’s Select Standing Committee on Finance. Entitled “Solutions for Tomorrow,” the plan calls for funding 11,000 more seats in graduate, undergraduate, college and trades programs to provide a space for every qualified student, a financial guarantee for students in need, and a commitment to an ongoing funding for innovation and jobs. More info on the Opportunity Agenda: http://bit.ly/WhaQfY

The redesigned UVic website renovation since 1974

Stocks • Bonds • RRIFs

Certified Financial Planner

No. 40014024

Canadian Publications Mail Agreement

Manulife Securities Incorporated is a Member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund

March 2013

MARCH 2013

Monthly Payment*

Age 55
$25
$34
$40
$55
$62
$74
$85
$101

Total Paid to Age 108
$186,227
$194,200
$199,268
$218,287
$226,160
$113,131

Accelerated Payment:
Income over 5 years $1,774
Income over 10 years $2,725
Income over 15 years $4,607

Total year payment: $116,455
Total 15 year payment: $1,774,822
Total 15 year payment: $1,119,847

*Assumes a current rate of 3.75%.
**Rates and returns are hypothetical and not underwritten.

People are you looking for a personalized illustration

We have E-mail: ucom@uvic.ca

Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2

Solguard Financial

For more info on the skills deficit:


Manulife Securities Incorporated is a Member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund

In his 30 years at UVic, Josephson—

The redesigned UVic website renovation

Josephson. The government’s own numbers show that by 2020 the skills and education deficit will leave 18,800 jobs unfilled in BC because too few British Columbians have the necessary education and training—8,400 job titles in B.C. and 10,000 across Canada. With a college credential, and 2,300 trades training.

Platform on the near horizon, BC’s research university presidents are calling on the political parties to engage in a meaningful dialogue with British Columbians about how best to close the skills gap so that BC’s economy stays on track and businesses are positioned to fill the jobs of the future. More info on the skills deficit: http://bit.ly/127XNoT

We have already shown, Chen, Qin, Sallows and Staynor might very soon be heading toward the ranks of those CEOs they wowed. More: http://bit.ly/127XNoT
On Feb. 25, at the annual Victoria Leadership Awards (VLA), 21 local heroes were honoured, including Drs. Ana María Peredo and David Chuenyan Lai, recipients of the 2013 University of Victoria Community Leadership Awards.

“Because of my strong relationship with the Chinese community,” says Lai, a UVic professor emeritus (geography) and research affiliate in UVic’s Centre on Aging (COAG), “I have been able to get funding to create scholarships and travel grants for students to study and visit China and Chinatowns. How can students know China without going to see the real situation? And without travel grants, they would not have enough funds to go there as well.”

“Why I’m glad for the community support?”

Peredo is the director of UVic’s Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy and a professor in UVic’s Gustavson School of Business. She says, “It is a tremendous honour to be included even as a nominee for this award, let alone a winner. I am grateful to the support of UVic, and I am thrilled to many people—hope they know who they are!—who contribute to my every-day work that is being recognized here. These are really team awards.”

Gustavson School of Business will help support new initiatives at the school’s Gustavson Centre for Social and Sustainable Innovation (CSSI). Established in 2011, CSSI is part of Gustavson’s commitment to being an educational and academic leader in the areas of innovative, international and sustainable innovation.

Gustavson President and CEO Chuck Beaucamp was on hand to make the announcement at an event on campus Feb. 19.

“Our investment in the CSSI aligns with our commitment to operating sustainably, acting responsibly and to growing educational opportunities for young people,” said Beaucamp. “We are pleased the Gustavson School is integrating social responsibility and sustainability into academic content and research agendas and believe ongoing strides in this growing field will continue to yield encouraging results.”

“We’re grateful that Goldcorp Inc. saw the potential in the research and development opportunities that CSSI is creating,” said UVic President David Turpin. “The centre and Gustavson School of Business are helping today’s students and tomorrow’s business leaders learn to think in new ways about addressing complex problems in the changing world of business.”

The donation will allow CSSI, which has already launched several research and education initiatives with a small annual budget, to significantly increase its activities and opportunities for students and faculty. CSSI and its work make up one of the four pillars (innovative, integrative, international and sustainable) that underpin the Gustavson School of Business. Sustainability and social responsibility are core components of the entire curriculum. Almost 30 percent of the school’s faculty teach and research sustainability and social and environmental issues.

“This donation is important support for the centre, which has already helped us examine our own practices and connected Gustavson students, faculty and staff—as well as the entire UVic campus—with sustainable business expertise and scholarship,” said Dr. Saul Klein, dean of the Gustavson School of Business.

Through research and teaching, Gustavson’s goal is to help students and the wider community become more effective agents of change and role models for adopting sustainable and responsible approaches to business, such as minimizing impact on the global environment, transparent and consultative decision making and responsible stakeholder relations.

More info on CSSI: www.cssi.uvic.ca/gustavson/cssi/
The celebration of this year’s President’s Distinguished Service Awards, hosted by President David Turpin, took place on Feb. 21 at the Cadboro Commons Dining Room, as the closing event for the Connect U-all-staff conference.

‘Every year—and especially this year as we celebrate our 50th anniversary—it is our pleasure to honour the nominees and the recipients of the President’s Distinguished Service Awards,’ says Turpin. ‘This year’s recipients display talent, hard work, innovation and dedication—qualities representative of all of our exceptional employees across campus. We greatly appreciate the many significant contributions the 2012 PDSA recipients have made to the success and the outstanding reputation of our university.’

This year, the Team Award for Innovation was presented to the Scientists and Innovators in the Schools team—Kelli Fawkes, Jane Browning and Dave Berry—who coordinated the UVic effort since 1994—as well as many dozens of graduate and undergraduate students (nearly 100 in the last five years alone).

The team has had a vast and phenomenal impact by visiting schools to demonstrate experiments and involve budding scientists from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

UVic provides the ‘real scientists’ for the program, which focuses on providing hands-on-activities with real chemicals and experiments, under close and careful guidance.

The program has a decidedly positive impact on the children, but the impact on the ‘real scientists’ is no less profound, says Department of Chemistry Chair Neil Burford.

‘Where is a core innovation, it has been the recognition that acting as a scientist role model for school-age children is a very positive learning experience for undergraduate and graduate students,’ Burford says. ‘Many cite their SIS experience as a highlight of their UVic studies. This is what experiential learning is supposed to achieve and is a direct consequence of the insights, focus and dedication of the UVic SIS Chemistry Team.’
“Writing is a saving grace”—Anne Michaels

BY LINDSAY GAGEL

She writes and she reads “in order to hold another human being close.” To embark on a journey with a reader, she can deliver him or her “to the other side.” To make a connection.

Canadian Anne Michaels is the author of four poetry collections and two critically acclaimed novels, Fugitive Pieces (1996) and The Winter Vault (2009). On Feb. 18 she presented a President’s Distinguished Lecture during a special convocation ceremony in which she received an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from UVic. Her lecture examined faith and failure, grief, shame and regret are not the end of a story, but the middle of the story. “Failure is always forward motion;” it’s deliver you “to the other side.”

Michael’s lecture was the second in a series of three special convocations celebrating UVic’s 50th anniversary. On March 27, ecologist and social justice activist Dr. Vandana Shiva will be presenting “The Future of Food.” See all anniversary events at uvic.ca/50th anniversary.

Award for Excellence in Leadership
David Street, University Systems

David Street is a problem solver. And problems come fast and furious to Street, manager of the Service Centre within University Systems, responsible for the Computer Help Desk and Desktop Support Services teams, which provide front-line assistance to all faculty, staff and students at the university.

Faced with a problem, he’s constantly looking for a path to successfully overcome the challenges and do so to the highest standards.

“David is highly resourceful and is always looking for solutions to what others state cannot be done,” says Nav Bassi, director of Academic and Institutional Services.

He adds that Street is committed to excellent customer service—always considering that the clients are the people who rely on technology—and working tirelessly to ensure projects and changes are scheduled and adequately tested to minimize impact on those users.

“Over the past year alone, David has shown leadership by extending himself well beyond the expectations of his position in order to help provide a better learning and working environment at UVic,” says Bassi.

Street’s colleagues also recognize his strength in teambuilding, as well as his tenacity in staff or working with other departments, as well as his understanding of the often complex and shifting world of university environment and awareness and ability to “get the big picture” to best serve his clients, staff, and the university.

Award for First Five Years: Outstanding Contribution
Chris Secord, Department of Physics and Astronomy

Chris Secord joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy as a machines in 2008 and assumed leadership of the shop two years later. He was immediately faced with completing the first major reorganization of the shop—the last dedicated machining space on campus—in 40 years. A daunting task, but one Secord showed he had the skills and vision to accomplish beyond expectations. The shop now serves and supports researchers in a number of departments across campus, always working to the highest standards while often finding creative ways to economize without compromising quality.

“Chris has made outstanding contributions that strengthen the learning and research environment, and he serves—through his personal integrity and commitment to excellence—as an example for the entire university community to emulate,” says Department Chair Robert Kowalewski.

Second also has an admirable sense of being part of a larger team, seen daily as he provides skilled and effective mentorship for graduate students building custom scientific instruments in the shop.

“Although his obvious focus is the machine shop, he can see the bigger picture,” says Kowalewski. “He knows the crucial role his shop plays in the realization of the teaching and research missions of the department and university, and he has a deep commitment and loyalty to our institution.”
UVic@100 contest

At UVic, celebrating our 50th year is not just
about our past. It’s also about our future.
And, at the Ring, we’re encouraging all
forward-thinking members of the community
to share their visions of our university on its
future centenary. So we’re launching the
UVic@100 competition.

Gaze into your crystal ball, unleash your
imagination and describe UVic in 2063.
The top three submissions will get gift
certificates for the UVic Bookstore (first
prize $100, second $50, third $25). And
the best submissions will be considered for
publication.

THE RULES:
All submissions must be received by the editor of the Ring (ring@uvic.ca) by 2 April 2013.
All genres are acceptable, including prose, poetry, essays, songs, videos.
All studies and graduate students are eligible.
Open to everyone. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

The selection committee will decide the winning submissions and choose which, if any, entries will be published.

Safe and Sound

Continued from P.1

We care about

Parent Support Services Society and
pregnancy outreach programs. Graduate
students are directly involved in
Marcellus’s research projects.

“My goal is to find better ways
to support birth parents so fewer
children go into care,” says Marcellus.
“And to ensure that babies, espe-
cially those with prenatal substance
exposure, have the best possible
start in life.”

By Emma Hannah

Dora Leigh Bjornson, program di-
ger of distance education for the
School of Social Work, has spent the
last 20 of her 34 years at UVic in the
same building. Her office, located in
the sunny, brick-and-mortar Human
and Social Development Building, has
a stunning view—and a resident hum-
ingbird visits Bjornson’s window on
the third floor to say hello, just quickly,
before darting back down to one of the
many flowered bushes below.

Even though the School of Social
Work offers undergraduate and
graduate programs to over 250 new
students a year, many will never
study in a classroom with winged
visitors or experience spring’s cherry
blossom blooms.

Three-quarters or more of the
School of Social Work’s students
choose UVic for its stunning views,
desirable climate and proximity to
the Pacific Ocean, but rather for
its unique curriculum, online learning
options and flexible programming.

For the students that Bjornson
works with, their campuses are wherever
their backyards lie; they could be
here in Victoria, in a rural or remote
Canadian town, or in Atlantic Canada,
where there are views of an entirely
different kind.

Bjornson is passionate about dis-
tance education, remarking that she
is proud to help provide students—who
may not otherwise be able to earn
degree—with top-notch educa-
tion virtually. “UVic is often touted as
being a destination university,” notes
Bjornson, “but there are different
ways that students choose to access
the amazing resources that UVic has
to offer.”

In an average day, Bjornson
wears many hats. She works at
the school’s budget and to develop
programming, oversees the support
for curriculum development and as-
sists with online delivery of courses.
Bjornson also has a large role work-
ing with the school’s sessional in-
structors, who, she observes, “bring
tall sorts of rewarding pieces to the
community of learning.”

In order to accommodate the
personal and professional obligations
of their students, many of whom have
families and established careers, the
School of Social Work offers courses
to its students year round. However,
the year-round business of the school
doesn’t slow Bjornson down. She is
an accomplished accordion player
and Muay Thai kick-boxer—an activ-
ity that she refers to as the “ultimate
stress reliever.”

When asked about her unusual
musical hobby, Bjornson notes that
she was a little girl when her parents
signed her up for lessons with a Dan-
ish man who was peddling music
lessons farm to farm in Cowichan
Station. Bjornson is a two-time BC
Music Festivals provincial champion
and has been playing for most of her
life, most recently with the BC Accor-
dion Orchestra.

This year, Bjornson can add a new
accomplishment to her CV. After
34 years with the Faculty of Human
and Social Development she is the
recipient of the HSD Staff Award for
Excellence. Her colleagues have also
recognized her contributions to the
university through a nomination for
the President’s Distinguished Service
Award.

When asked what she is looking
forward to in the future, Bjornson
notes, “more of the same!”

Emma Hannah is a UVic grad (BA Eng-
lish, Minor Professional Writing, 2010)
calendar highlights

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Lecture/Seminar, 7 p.m. Latin Pro- testantism: An Emergence of a Religiously Palatable Planet. A Chronicle from Northwest Canada. Dr. Galem Harmon, McGill University Centre. MacLaurin B 210-721-6120

Lecture/Seminar, 6:30 p.m. Cafe Science: "The Search for the Holy Grail of the Large Hadron Collider". Dr. Michel Lebel, UVic. Reserve seats: http://uvics.ca/events.html/#/herman's-club/ 

Lecture/Seminar, 6:30 p.m. Cafe Science: "Lifecross: A Healthy Lifelong Kick to Copper Fitness". Stuart Mac- Donald, UVic. Register at sunray@uvic.ca or 250-721-6150. Stickey Wicket Pub, Parkland Exit 1, Maple Room.

Victoria Natural History Society Lecture, 7:30 p.m. "Long-term Change and Field Management: A Replicated Photograph: Perspectives of Our Changing Rocky Mountains". Jenma Falk. Thursday 19th 250-472-9732

Lansdowne Lecture, 7 p.m. "Wars Waged in the Name of Humanity: Military Intervention and Disenfranchisement Evaluations of Life". Jennifer Ferris, Univ. of California, Irvine. Holland 105, 604-646-7166

Wednesday, March 13

Lecture/Seminar, 8 p.m. Visiting Artist Sarah Anne Johnson. Sober art created and shared at a gathering at the University of Vancouver and the Yale School of Art Visual Arts 162. 250-603-6222

Lecture/Seminar, 8 p.m. Astronomy Open House. March 20 and 22nd and 3rd and 5th. CAFES: at physgen@uvic.ca. Wright Centre, 5th Fl.


Thursday, March 14

Lecture/Seminar, 3:30 p.m. Abraham Wold. What Making an Endangered Language Dictionary Gets Remoulded by Technologies, Communities, and Doing Research. Dr. Ewa Czappowska-Veguo, UVic., Clearview Area. 250-472-4971


Lecture/Seminar, 7:30 p.m. CAVI Lecture/Seminar. 4:30 p.m. Solidarity: Reconciliation and the Reclaiming the Commons. Mike Lewis is co-author of The Resignation of the African Resistance: A Post-Congolese Transition to a Stateless Society. Caribbean Commons Bldg, Aboriginal Studies Center. 250-472-9592

Friday, March 15

Music, 7:30 p.m. Fringe/Classical: Featuring School of Music voice students. MacLaurin Bldg., Admission by donation. 250-721-9114

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Music, 8 p.m. UVic Jazz Orchestra. Patrick Boyle, director. MacLaurin Bldg. Tickets $15 & $10. 250-721-8644

Tuesday, March 19


Wednesday, March 20

Lecture/Seminar, 3:30 p.m. "Annu- nouncement Dinner Lecture Series: One Hundred Years of Advocating for Justice: Langston's Case". Prof. Hunter Foster, O.C., UVic. Lecture Series, 250-472-4971

Lansdowne Lecture, 6:30 p.m. Lan- dography, Diaspora, and Diasporas in Quebec and Puerto Rico. Dr. June Auyeung, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences & Math. MacLaurin B 210-721-7965


Friday, March 21

Lansdowne Lecture, 3:30 p.m. "Annu- nouncement Dinner Lecture Series: One Hundred Years of Advocating for Justice: Langston's Case". Prof. Hunter Foster, O.C., UVic. Lecture Series, 250-472-4971

Saturday, March 22

Music, 11:30 a.m. Fringe/Classical: Featuring School of Music percussion students. MacLaurin Bldg., Admission by donation. 250-721-9114


Wednesday, March 27

Other, 3 p.m. Spring Local Community Market. Fresh local organic produce, other local food products, crafts and information on healthy eating and regional food security. SIB Micheile Papp. 250-851-3738

President's Distinguished Lecture. 7:30 p.m. "The Future of Food: Vandana Shiva, one of the world's most important environmental and social justice activists, will receive an honorary degree and deliver a free public lecture. University Centre Cafeteria Auditorium. Event currently fully reserved. For waitlist and info, visit http://btb/2095s

Lansdowne Lecture, 7:30 p.m. "Supporting International Students' Academic Writing Development: Using the Mother Tongue Strategically, Exploiting Acquired Knowledge, and Establishing an Intranational Identity". Dr. Alister Cumming, OISE/Univ. of Toronto. Social Sciences & Math. MacLaurin B 210-721-7965

Other, 3:30 p.m. "No-Pho" Support UVic Student Families. Parachute games, relay races, ethnic food, food and ice-cream. UVic, Family Centre. Lamarr Family Housing, 250-472-6750

Music, 3 p.m. University of Victoria Wind Symphony: UVic 50th Anniversary Concert Featuring student solists and conductors. Tickets $15/12/10, UVic Student Centre Auditorium. 250-721-4648

Friday, April 5

Music, 11:30 a.m. Fringe/Classical: Featuring School of Music composition students. MacLaurin Bldg. Admission by donation. 250-721-9114

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Music, 2 p.m. University of Victoria Philharmonic Choir: Mary Kenny, conductor. MacLaurin Bldg. Tickets $12 adv- ance/15 at the door. 250-721-9114
The Ring

In December, Dr. Chris Barnes posed of over 60 experts from science, telecommunications cables for the potential of using submarine disaster warning.

The project covers topics including non-renewable and renewable energy sources, at the various sides. It’s designed with features such as an interactive map to be a resource for looking at BC energy-related information or pursuing more in-depth data and evidence on specific energy topics.

“Despite there being so much information out there on complex energy issues, many people in BC are still looking for a trustworthy clearinghouse of information that is presented in an understandable manner,” says Whiticar. “Our goal is to offer an enjoyable, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

All information at the searchable website is drawn from citable material, with sources thoroughly referenced, and based on painstaking efforts to be comprehensive while maintaining objectivity.

“The site has been checked by a lot of people looking for accuracy, completeness and tenor, to attain our goal of an independent information broker,” Whiticar says.

The site is also aimed at providing useful context for journalists, politicians and academics, and Whiticar hopes to further develop the content into classroom resource modules for BC’s K–12 education system.

Scene: our students exhibit their research

BY KIM WESTAD

Anyone needing proof that students love learning through research had only to attend the second annual Faculty of Science Honours Fest March 1, when students vied for thousands of dollars in prize money.

Jennifer Evancio won the $2,000 first prize for her efforts to crystallize research, come talk to me. ‘ and that’s exactly what I did, ” says Evancio, who was looking for accuracy, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

The Bob Wright Centre lobby buzzed with action as the 48 competitors — almost triple the number from last year — presented their research to faculty judges, offered a workshop in creating a “conference-style” setting, and released the best part of them. Georgia transformed, as many of our Redfish students did, and knowing her was transforming for others as well. I came to realize that she invited me on an adventure about those woods wasn’t about the plant at all. She found one thing, at the time, we knew she had in common — a love for native plants — and found a sacred place where we could find common ground, literally. She was a wise woman, indeed.

During Redfish, we canoed, biked and hiked over six weeks, and whether it was on a long-distance bike ride or hiking 2,000 feet in snowshoes, Georgia was always there, putting a smile on people’s faces, singing songs and taking in the experience, all senses open. It was an adventure; why would it be any different. At her funeral, I learned that this was Georgia’s modus operandi. She changed the world one person at a time through her interactions with them — through shared experience — during her early years in Mexico, while attending the International Youth Initiative Program in Sweden, participating in the COP15 Children’s Summit in Copenhagen, touring with a dance group of indigenous youth, World As A Garden, Travel for Social Inspiration and Exchange, or as of one of 18 university students in the Redfish School of Change.

Georgia tested, she pushed because she cared. Not about possessions, devices or about the identity of those who crowded around. The aim was to create a “conference-style” setting, mixing it up.

The top three winners came from the different areas of biochemistry, physics, engineering and astronomy. But they had a key theme in common — they all became interested in honours study and their research topics early on in life.

Jennifer Evancio has the $2,000 first prize for her efforts to crystallize her knowledge, being trite. To be real.

The site has been checked by a lot of people looking for accuracy, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

The site is also aimed at providing useful context for journalists, politicians and academics, and Whiticar hopes to further develop the content into classroom resource modules for BC’s K–12 education system.

BY MITCH WRIGHT

From fuel cells to fracking, tarballs to pipelines, debates both public and political are raging across the province over energy issues. Recognizing a need for an easily accessible, independent source of information on energy, Dr. Michael Whiticar (earth and ocean sciences) set out to create an extensive, comprehensive assemblage of unbiased information on BC energy sources, types and issues. He believes he’s accomplished that with the new website.

The idea germinated about five years ago, while Whiticar was helping undergraduates to present ideas using the coast regarding offshore oil and gas exploration. Through that work, he says, he realized that much of the information publicly available and presented was coloured by the intentions of the providers and people “were often of- fered selective information based on various agendas and not the whole objective story.

As a result, Whiticar put exhaust- ing research — with help from UVic undergraduate students Andrew Evans, Charlotte Helston and Colin Ettene — into creating a thorough online resource of easily accessible, factual material about the various BC energy sources, uses and questions.

The project covers topics including non-renewable and renewable energy sources, looking at the various sides. It’s designed with features such as an interactive map to be a resource for looking at BC energy-related information or pursuing more in-depth data and evidence on specific energy topics.

“Despite there being so much information out there on complex energy issues, many people in BC were still looking for a trustworthy clearinghouse of information that is presented in an understandable manner,” says Whiticar. “Our goal is to offer an enjoyable, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

All information at the searchable website is drawn from citable material, with sources thoroughly referenced, and based on painstaking efforts to be comprehensive while maintaining objectivity.

“The site has been checked by a lot of people looking for accuracy, completeness and tenor, to attain our goal of an independent information broker,” Whiticar says.

The site is also aimed at providing useful context for journalists, politicians and academics, and Whiticar hopes to further develop the content into classroom resource modules for BC’s K–12 education system.

BY KIM WESTAD

Anyone needing proof that students love learning through research had only to attend the second annual Faculty of Science Honours Fest March 1, when students vied for thousands of dollars in prize money.

Jennifer Evancio won the $2,000 first prize for her efforts to crystallize her knowledge, being trite. To be real.

The site has been checked by a lot of people looking for accuracy, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

The site is also aimed at providing useful context for journalists, politicians and academics, and Whiticar hopes to further develop the content into classroom resource modules for BC’s K–12 education system.

BY KIM WESTAD

Anyone needing proof that students love learning through research had only to attend the second annual Faculty of Science Honours Fest March 1, when students vied for thousands of dollars in prize money.

Jennifer Evancio won the $2,000 first prize for her efforts to crystallize her knowledge, being trite. To be real.

The site has been checked by a lot of people looking for accuracy, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

The site is also aimed at providing useful context for journalists, politicians and academics, and Whiticar hopes to further develop the content into classroom resource modules for BC’s K–12 education system.

BY KIM WESTAD

Anyone needing proof that students love learning through research had only to attend the second annual Faculty of Science Honours Fest March 1, when students vied for thousands of dollars in prize money.

Jennifer Evancio won the $2,000 first prize for her efforts to crystallize her knowledge, being trite. To be real.

The site has been checked by a lot of people looking for accuracy, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

The site is also aimed at providing useful context for journalists, politicians and academics, and Whiticar hopes to further develop the content into classroom resource modules for BC’s K–12 education system.

BY KIM WESTAD

Anyone needing proof that students love learning through research had only to attend the second annual Faculty of Science Honours Fest March 1, when students vied for thousands of dollars in prize money.

Jennifer Evancio won the $2,000 first prize for her efforts to crystallize her knowledge, being trite. To be real.

The site has been checked by a lot of people looking for accuracy, educational website that gives you the energy facts but is not overly prescriptive or opinionated.”

The site is also aimed at providing useful context for journalists, politicians and academics, and Whiticar hopes to further develop the content into classroom resource modules for BC’s K–12 education system.