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FREE Saturday Evening Lectures at the University of BC
Spring Program 2025



February 1

Susan Mertens
Author and art historian

**SHAMAN OF SUBURBIA:
THE CONFLICTED PERSONALITY
AND ART OF JACK SHADBOLT**

March 15

Ronald Deibert, OC, O Ont
Director, The Citizen Lab, Munk School of
Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of
Toronto

**CHASING SHADOWS: CYBER
ESPIONAGE, SUBVERSION AND THE
GLOBAL FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY**



February 8

Marina von Keyserlingk
Professor, Applied Biology (Animal
Welfare Program), and Director, UBC
Dairy Education and Research Centre

**UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING
TO PUBLIC CONCERNS ABOUT FARM
ANIMAL WELFARE**

March 22

Lisa Tobber
Assistant Professor, Civil, School of
Engineering, UBC

**EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING AND
THE FUTURE OF REINFORCED
CONCRETE STRUCTURES**



February 15

Carol Off
Award-winning author and broadcast
journalist

CONVERSATION IN AN AGE OF RAGE

March 29

Heidi Tworek
Canada Research Chair,
Director, UBC Centre for the Study
of Democratic Institutions

**HOW DOES DISINFORMATION AFFECT
DEMOCRACY?**



March 1

Daniel Heath Justice, OC, FRSC
Canada Research Chair in Indigenous
Literature and Expressive Culture.
Professor, Critical Indigenous Studies
and English, UBC

**LEGACIES OF ALLOTMENT: SETTLER LAND
PRIVATIZATION AND THE DISMEMBERMENT
OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS**

April 5

Christine Hughes
Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and
Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of
Alberta

**EVOLUTION OF PHARMACY PRACTICE IN
CANADA: 'FILLING' A HEALTH CARE NEED?**



March 8

Mr. Blair Thomson
Composer and teacher, Conservatoire de
Musique, Montréal

**RIOPELLE AND MUSICAL
IMAGINATION**

Global Reporting
Centre

Admission to lectures is free and the public is invited to attend.

**Lectures will be held in Lecture Hall No. 2 of the Woodward
Instructional Resources Centre at the University of BC at 8:15 p.m.**

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