



UCRA E-letter

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Message from the President

The UCRA continues to be active in the University community. In March, three of our members are participating in a university workshop on planning ahead for a successful retirement for academic staff at the University of Calgary.

As part of our program on March 12th, we had a short roundtable on travel. The response from those present was quite enthusiastic, and a lot of good information was shared. As a result, we are considering whether the UCRA could organize a travel blog, perhaps on its website, where members could share some of their experiences for the benefit of all. If you have any comments or thoughts about this, please email me at wbecker@ucalgary.ca.

Werner J. Becker, President, UCRA


Reminders from your Executive

1. Volunteers are Required for the **2025-26 UCRA Programs**. If you have suggestions for speakers and topics or would like to serve on the Program Committee (1-2 meetings a year), please contact Jocelyn Lockyer at Lockyer@ucalgary.ca All ideas are welcome.
2. **Indigenous Award recipients**: Zoe Kreutzer was the 2023- 2024 recipient, and the 2024- 2025 recipient is Laurel Schaffer.
3. **President's Luncheon May 14, 2025**, Time: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Location: TBA, Further details to follow. Contact for Social/ Keeping in Touch Committee: Claire Mills 587-899-1145 (cell/text).
4. A huge **congratulations** to our president Dr Becker! His work - *Rafting the Snake* came in at number three and *Rafting the Great Northern Rivers* came in at number seven on the recent Calgary Herald's list of non-fiction Best Sellers.
5. **Calgary's Institute of Humanities** has some interesting events that you might be interested in attending ([here](#)).



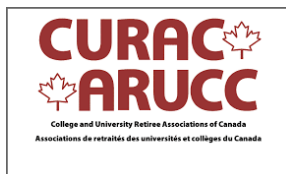
Retiree Members Program Meetings

Winter sessions (January to June 2025): Information for these sessions is also available on the UCRA website: (<https://ucalgary.ca/retirees-association>). These sessions are available both in-person and online in our usual meeting room (Engineering Bldg, Block G, 2nd floor, Room 207).

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
March 12, 2025 2pm-3:30pm MT	Steven Vamosi, PhD., Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science & Scientific Director, Biogeoscience Institute	<i>Kananaskis/Biogeoscience Institute</i> Marking 75 years research, teaching and community engagement in the Kananaskis Country Field Stations.
April 9, 2025 2pm-3:30pm MT	Jim Ellis, PhD., Professor, Department of English, Faculty of Arts & Director, Calgary Institute for the Humanities	<i>Calgary Atlas Project: Mapping Forgotten Histories of Calgary</i> The Calgary Atlas Project maps lesser-known or forgotten histories of the city. Local historians identify 30 or 40 important sites, and then Calgary artists create a map inspired by that history. Nine maps have been produced so far, with seven more in production, looking at such things as Calgary's queer history, lost cinemas, architecture, and First Nations' participation in the Calgary Stampede.
May 14, 2025	Watch this spot in our next e-letter for details.	
June 11, 2025 2pm-3:30pm MT	Lisa Young, PhD., Professor, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts	<i>Alberta Politics in a Time of Crisis</i>

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/98212498606?pwd=3v6aXD7H3QUH4wwiaEMkZlpxfr5xzc.1>

Meeting ID: 982 1249 8606 Passcode: 228056



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