

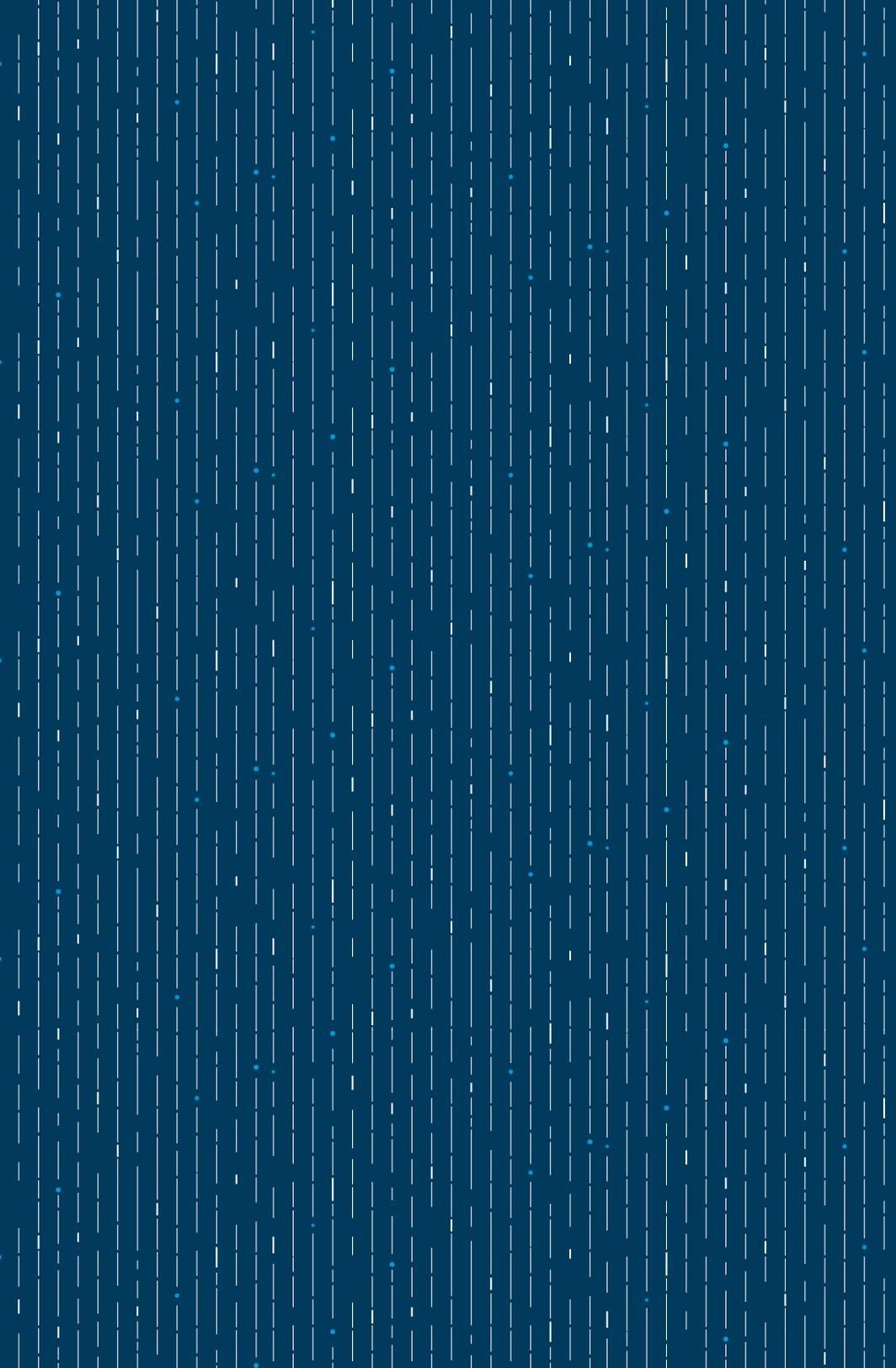


**VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY**

President's & Provost's  
Awards

---

**2018**





**VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY**

*Celebrating Excellence*

---

**October 25, 2018**

# **President's Awards**

*for Outstanding Community Engagement*

# **Provost's Awards**

*for Outstanding Scholarship,  
Research and Creative Activity*

The President's Awards for Outstanding Community Engagement recognize excellence in community engagement activities among Vancouver Island employees. These awards publicly recognize employees at the institution for their efforts to support the University's core commitment to engage with the community and region as articulated in our Academic Plan.

Community engagement draws upon capabilities of the University's employees and students to work collaboratively with community groups and organizations in mutually agreed projects that build collective capacity, improve well-being, and produce just and sustainable outcomes in the interests of individuals, communities and the University.

The Provost's Awards for Outstanding Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity recognize Vancouver Island faculty members for excellence in scholarship, research and creative activity. These awards publicly recognize faculty for their efforts to support the University's core commitment to excellence in a wide range of scholarship, applied research and community engagement.

# **President's Awards**

*for Outstanding Community Engagement*

# Community Leadership Award

*This award is given to recognize VIU employees, alumni or students who have demonstrated significant and valuable leadership in the community. Their leadership contributions have enhanced the reputation of VIU while furthering significant community priorities.*

## **Eiko Eby** | Faculty of Education

Nominated by Dr. Louis Mattar

Eiko Eby has been a professor in the Sport, Health, and Physical Education Department for 31 years. Both of Eby's parents were interned during the Second World War and her interest in their losses and treatment led to her community involvement and leadership. Her contributions began in 1987 as a Director of the Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society. She has been President since 2002. Eby is also a member of the National Association of Japanese Canadians Executive Board. Since 2014, Eby has been a member of the Community Council of a University of Victoria multi-year SSHRC project, Landscapes of Injustice.

## **Ruby Barclay** | Alumni

Nominated by Chelsea Carne

Ruby Barclay, 23, moved to Nanaimo four years ago to study Child and Youth Care at VIU. She researched and developed the Peer Support Navigator role for the Post-Care Tuition Waiver Program at VIU. As an advocate for young people with lived experience in care, Barclay has worked on local, provincial and national levels to enhance access to education and improve services for young people in and from government care. Barclay is an active mentor for Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre's Youth Advisory Council and is now employed as a Youth Advisor for the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

## Community Outreach Award

*This award is given to recognize VIU faculty or staff who have demonstrated excellence in outreach activity within the VIU region. Outreach may include the sharing of knowledge in any media (presentations, workshops, videos etc.) that transcends the walls of the university to benefit society.*

### **Aubrey Robertson** | Project Aurora

Nominated by Chelsea Carne

Aubrey Robertson became Project Co-ordinator for Project AURORA after graduating in 2017. Robertson served as a student representative on his Faculty Council, Audio-Visual Security Committee, Project AURORA Advisory Committee, Senate, Board of Governors, Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the Executive Board of the VIU Students' Union. He serves on the Sexual Conduct Education and Response Steering Committee, Senate, and Alumni Association Board. Over the past decade, he has volunteered for a number of community organizations, and is now involved with the Fair Vote Canada BC Mid-Island Chapter.

## International Engagement Award

*This award is given to recognize VIU faculty or staff who have demonstrated excellence in engagement within the international context. Engagement may include the development of mutually beneficial partnerships that result in opportunities for student engagement, research projects that provide training opportunities for VIU students, or outreach such as the sharing of knowledge in any media (presentations, workshops, videos etc.).*

### **Darrell Harvey** | Faculty of International Education

Nominated by Colleen Doyle

Darrell Harvey is Co-ordinator of International Projects and Internationalization. Since joining VIU in 2015, Harvey has supported and encouraged global engagement initiatives. He manages VIU's international co-operation projects in the global south; supports visiting scholars and international mobility opportunities for employees, and facilitates on-campus global engagement activities. Harvey has also led institutional initiatives to empower and support refugee newcomers, establishing the VIU International Refugee Scholarship Fund and Newcomer Awards, chairing VIU's Syrian Refugee Response Committee, and supporting VIU's committee to the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and its Student Refugee Program.

### **Dr. Brian Dick** | Faculty of Science and Technology

Nominated by Dr. Graham Pike

Dr. Brian Dick chairs the Physics, Engineering, and Astronomy department at VIU, and co-ordinates its Fundamentals of Engineering Certificate. He is passionate about enriching program curriculum with intercultural experiences and has worked directly with universities on various projects in South Korea, Taiwan, Kenya, and Vietnam. He is particularly connected to Tra Vinh University (TVU) in rural Vietnam and recently, this partnership provided opportunity for first and second-year students at TVU and VIU to collaborate on a joint design project. Dick represents his faculty on the VIU Senate and sits on the BC Council on Admission and Transfer.

# Indigenous Engagement Award

*This award is given to recognize VIU employees or students who have developed respectful and mutually beneficial relationships with indigenous community partners. The relationship has enabled VIU to deepen its commitment to truth and reconciliation and has resulted in transformative learning and growth for the recipient.*

## **Sylvia Scow**

**and the VIU Elders Council** | Aboriginal Education

Nominated by Dr. Sharon Hobenshield

### **Sylvia Scow:**

*Sylvia Scow suzhe*

*Liidlil Kue gots'eh a' aht'e*

*Dehcho gots'eh Dene a' aht'e*

*Semo Denise Hardisty*

*Set'a Jake Browning mahula'*

*Mushi Cho Snuneymuxw*

*Mushi Cho Vancouver Island University*

## **Elders Council**

**Swus-tanulwut** Delores Louie,  
*Stz'uminus*

**C-tasi:a** Geraldine Manson,  
*Snuneymuxw*

Stella Johnson, *Métis*

**Mulsimalt** Gary Manson,  
*Snuneymuxw*

**Klith-wii-taa** Barney Williams Jr.,  
*Tla-o-qui-aht*

**Tiy'uas** Florence James,  
*Cowichan*

**Yut'xwam** Harold Joe,  
*Cowichan*

**Hwiem'** Marlene Rice,  
*Stz'uminus*

**Palachiewtx** Eugene Louie,  
*Tla'Amin*

Sylvia Scow is the Aboriginal Projects Co-ordinator and Elder Support in the Office of Aboriginal Education and Engagement. She began working at Malaspina University-College in 1996 as the Internship Co-ordinator in the First Nations Studies Department and in 2007 started working in the Office of Aboriginal Education and Engagement. The work she is engaged in with 'su'luqw'a' Community Cousins and VIU's Elders-in-Residence enabled her to connect with her own heritage, and she cherishes the time spent with VIU's students to enhance their opportunities to share their voices through their stories.

VIU Elders Council is comprised of nine Elders-in-Residence working at the Cowichan, Nanaimo and Powell River Campuses. The Elders-in-Residence program is a multifaceted initiative supporting, but not limited to, the following:

- Support and use of Indigenous knowledge and Aboriginal languages within VIU;
- Support for all learners by offering traditional knowledge and spiritual guidance;
- Assist in the area of access and retention of Aboriginal learners in post-secondary education by having a presence within the institution;
- Assist employees to build capacity in areas of cultural knowledge and understanding.

At VIU the Elders are a valuable resource to students. They provide counselling, support and guidance to all students at VIU. Elders are active in a variety of areas encompassing student support, classroom instruction, teaching traditional protocols and cross-cultural sharing.

# Community-Engaged Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity Award

*This award is given to recognize faculty members at VIU who have engaged in scholarship, research or creative activity with community partners. The activity resulted in the emergence of new knowledge and insights that benefitted both the discipline of the researcher(s) and the needs of the community involved.*

## **Dr. Imogene Lim** | Faculty of Social Sciences

Nominated by Dr. Pam Shaw

Dr. Imogene Lim is an ethno-archaeologist in VIU's Department of Anthropology and Global Studies Program, and was Chair of the Anthropology Department from 2006-09 and 2012-15. Her research interests include: foraging societies, rock art, ethnicity, the Chinese diaspora in North America, and the anthropology of food. She has sat on the boards of the Laurier Institution, the Coal Creek Historic Park Advisory Committee (Cumberland, Vancouver Island), BC Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council (2014-18) and the Premier's Chinese Canadian Community Advisory Committee (2018), and was a founding member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC.

## **Dr. Stephen Davies** | Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Nominated by Dr. Timothy Lewis

Dr. Stephen Davies is a 25-year member of the History Department. Davies created The Canadian Letters and Images Project (CLIP) in 2000 and has continued as its Director. The project has become the largest online archive of Canadian war-related personal materials in Canada, and is widely used nationally and internationally by students, scholars, and the general public. Prior to coming to VIU, he taught at Memorial University, Nipissing University, Concordia, and the University of Ottawa.

# Exemplary Community-Academic Partnership Award

*This award is given to recognize a mutually beneficial partnership between an individual or group at Vancouver Island University and an external community (or organization, agency). The work of the partnership should align with the vision and mandate of both partners resulting in new, innovative and measurable impacts to community stakeholders and the VIU community.*

**Dr. Pam Shaw** | Faculty of Social Sciences

Nominated by Sarah Holden

Dr. Pam Shaw is a geography professor and 2018 3M Teaching Fellow who is known for creatively engaging students in applied, community-based research. Many projects have developed in partnership with Vancouver Island First Nations to address practical land use and community issues. She has also worked closely with the community of Parksville on a number of research projects with her students including supporting the development of the Official Community Plan. Shaw is Director of the Master of Community Planning Program, Research Director of the UNESCO Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Research Institute, Senior Editor of the *International Journal of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves*, and a Fellow with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. She was awarded the Planning Institute of BC's 2017 Distinguished Planner of the Year Award.

# Provost's Awards

*for Outstanding Scholarship,  
Research and Creative Activity*

## Collaborative Research Award

*This is a university-wide award given to recognize faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in collaborative projects and research undertaken as part of a multi-disciplinary or multi-institutional team. This award will be granted to a researcher who excels at creating and maintaining collaborations with industry, university and/or community partners to facilitate research that effects positive changes in their respective field.*

### **Dr. Lindsay McCunn** | Faculty of Social Sciences

Nominated by Deborah Matheson

Dr. Lindsay McCunn is a Professor of psychology at VIU and Director of the Environmental Psychology Research Lab. Her research concerning sense of place, organizational commitment, and other psycho-social constructs has been published in numerous interdisciplinary journals; she is also on the Board for the Journal of Environmental Psychology and is the Commissioning Editor for the journal *Cities and Health*. McCunn also serves as Chair for the Environmental Psychology section of the Canadian Psychology Association and co-chairs VIU's Sustainability Advisory Committee.

### **Dr. Paige Fisher** | Faculty of Education

Nominated by Dr. Rachel Moll

Dr. Paige Fisher is Director of the Centre for Innovative Educational Leadership at VIU and is active on a number of advisory boards such as the Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre, Nacu Mat Tatalut (Collaborative Professional Learning for SD68) and the provincial Rural Education Advisory. Her research projects include the six Campus Communities of Pedagogical Inquiry Project – a learning partnership among the BC Ministry of Education, six BC Faculties of Education, and school districts across the province. Her other practice and research interests include global education and she has led field schools for pre-service teachers in Ghana, Belize and India.

## Distinguished Researcher Award

*This is a university-wide award given to recognize faculty members who have achieved exceptional scholarly achievement and impact on advancing knowledge in science, engineering, health, education, the arts, the humanities, social sciences, or other academic fields of study. Recipients will have demonstrated exceptional ability to convey the significance of scholarship and creative activities to their discipline and the public.*

**Dr. Cheryl Warsh** | Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Nominated by Dr. Timothy Lewis

Dr. Cheryl Krasnick-Warsh has been a member of VIU's History department since 1994, teaching in the fields of women's, medical, family, and cultural histories. She held Fulbright and Hannah fellowships, and has published seven books with an eighth forthcoming. While at VIU, she has served for 13 years as Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History*, and is now co-editor of the journal of *Gender and History*. Warsh became a Fellow in the Division of Arts and Humanities in the Royal Society of Canada in 2017.

## **Dr. Chris Gill** | Faculty of Science and Technology

Nominated by Dr. Don Noakes

Dr. Chris Gill is a Chemistry professor at VIU and co-director of the Applied Environmental Research Laboratories (AERL), which is moving into expanded space in the recently completed VIU Health and Sciences Centre. The AERL's pure and applied research has led to numerous advances for direct environmental, industrial and more recently, bio-analytical measurements. Dr. Gill's current research interests continue to involve the development of direct MS instrumentation and applications for direct, real-time chemical measurements, including the development of rapid, on-site drug testing strategies for use in the opioid crisis.

## **Dr. Lev Idels** | Faculty of Science and Technology

Nominated by Dr. David Bigelow

Dr. Lev Idels began teaching in VIU's mathematics department in 2001 after immigrating from Russia in 1995. Idels is passionate about VIU's place on a scientific world map, and spearheaded the university's first international math conference in 2004. His research has focused on developing new mathematical models for use in a variety of applications. Idels has published more than 70 papers and was awarded a prestigious pilot grant from NSERC, along with more than 15 VIU research grants. Idels is also an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Applied Mathematical Modelling*.

# Early Career Research Excellence Award

*This is a university-wide award given to recognize faculty members at the beginning of their academic careers who have demonstrated significant promise in their research program. The award is presented to an outstanding researcher in the first five years of his or her academic career, and who has made an outstanding contribution to scholarly, research and creative activity in their area(s) of expertise.*

**Dr. Jamie Gorrell** | Faculty of Science and Technology

Nominated by Dr. Tim Goater, Dr. Caroline Josefsson,  
and Dr. Joslynn Affleck

Dr. Jamie Gorrell teaches in the biology department at VIU and since 2016 has enlisted the help of 491 students to conduct research on regional issues including Garry Oak trees, black-tailed deer, wolverines and Vancouver Island marmots with support from the VIU Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity office. Most recently, he was awarded a five-year NSERC Discovery Grant to study the ecological and evolutionary impacts of genetic bottlenecks and captive breeding on the slow recovery of marmots since their rapid decline that almost drove the species to extinction.

## Graduate Research Mentor Award

*This is a university-wide award given to recognize an individual who has demonstrated excellence in mentoring and supporting graduate student researchers.*

*The recipients will have demonstrated excellence in their ability to guide graduate student research, creative projects and development helping VIU learners to move from directed to independent research and creative work.*

*They inspire, motivate and support student learning, maintain open communication and accessibility to students. They will have encouraged and supported students to share the results of their work as appropriate to the discipline (i.e. publications, presentations, performances) and their efforts will have resulted in transformative learning experiences for VIU graduate students.*

***Dr. Mary Ann Richards*** | Faculty of Education

Nominated by Dr. Rachel Moll and Ana Vieira

Dr. Mary Ann Richards has been a member of the Faculty of Education at VIU since 2010. Her opportunities to instruct and supervise graduate students in research methods through the lens of education, and to serve with VIU's Research Ethics Board, have enabled her to continue her exploration of human experiences, especially related to literacy and learning. That investigation began during her own graduate studies and fostered a fascination with research as a tool for understanding and meaning-making.

# Deans' Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity Award

*This award is given to recognize individual faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly, research and creative activities (SRCA) achievements and impact on their disciplines during the previous academic year. The Deans in each Faculty can nominate one faculty member each year for this award.*

***Dr. Allyson Fleming*** | Faculty of Education

Nominated by Dr. David Paterson

Dr. Allyson Fleming teaches in both the Teacher Education program and the Master's of Educational Leadership program in the Faculty of Education. She works at both the Cowichan and Nanaimo campuses and is the co-ordinator for the Faculty of Education in Cowichan. Her research interests include ways in which teacher educators identify, understand or interpret factors that enable or constrain them in teaching for social justice in teacher education, and the catalytic potential of inhabiting the 'tragic gap' between the binaries of social justice theory and practice.

## **Dr. Lindsay McCunn** | Faculty of Social Sciences

Nominated by Dr. Elizabeth Brimacombe

Dr. Lindsay McCunn is a Professor of psychology at VIU and Director of the Environmental Psychology Research Lab. Her research concerning sense of place, organizational commitment, and other psychosocial constructs has been published in numerous interdisciplinary journals; she is also on the Board for the Journal of Environmental Psychology and is the Commissioning Editor for the journal *Cities and Health*. McCunn also serves as Chair for the Environmental Psychology section of the Canadian Psychology Association and co-chairs VIU's Sustainability Advisory Committee.

## **Dr. Cathryn Spence** | Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Nominated by Dr. Timothy Lewis and Dr. Ross MacKay

Dr. Cathryn Spence teaches in VIU's History department. She is the author of *Women, Credit, and Debt in Early Modern Scottish Towns*, co-editor of the Edinburgh Housemails Taxation Book, 1634-6, and co-editor of the North American office of the international journal *Gender & History* with VIU history colleagues. Her monograph, *Women, Credit, and Debt*, won the 2016 Women's History Network (UK) Book Prize for the best first book in the field of women and gender, and her research has received funding from SSHRC, the Strathmartine Trust, and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.



