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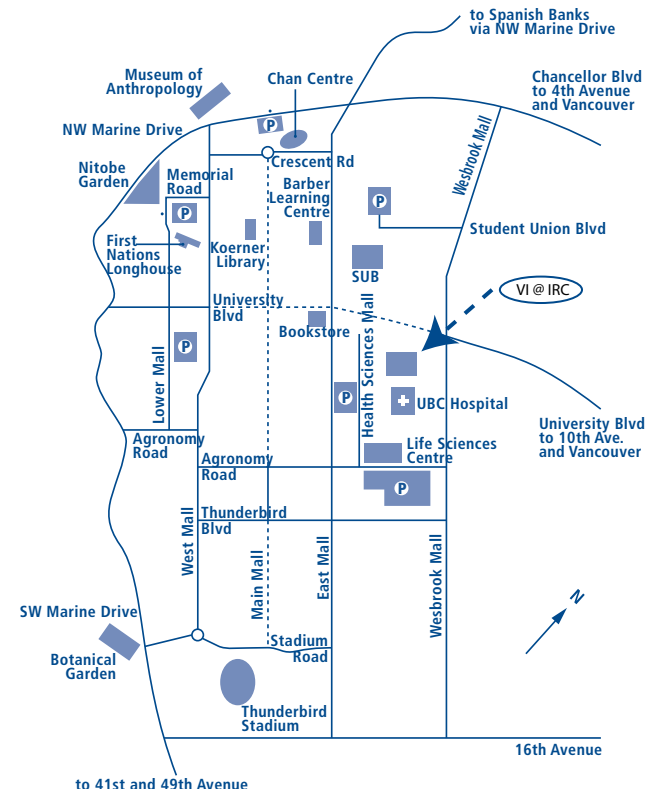
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The Vancouver Institute Program - Fall 2008

September 27 CLYNE LECTURE
Professor Steven Pinker
Department of Psychology
Harvard University
THE STUFF OF THOUGHT: LANGUAGE AS A WINDOW INTO HUMAN NATURE

Named one of *Time Magazine's* 100 most influential people in the world in 2004 and one of *Prospect and Foreign Policy's* 100 top public intellectuals in 2005, Dr. Pinker conducts research on visual cognition and the psychology of language and has earned prizes from the National Academy of Sciences and the American Psychology Association. He has also received many awards for his teaching at MIT and for his books *How the Mind Works* (which was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize) and *The Language Instinct*. He is an elected fellow of several scientific societies, associate editor of *Cognition*, and a member of the usage panel of the *American Heritage Dictionary*. He has written for *The New York Times*, *Time*, *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, *Slate* and *Technology Review*.

October 4	NO LECTURE – LECTURE HALL UNAVAILABLE
October 11	NO LECTURE – THANKSGIVING

October 18 **Dr. Art McDonald**
Director
Sudbury Neutrino Observatory
HOW TO TELL A NEUTRINO FROM A HOLE IN THE GROUND

A graduate of Dalhousie and Caltech, and recipient of some of the most prestigious prizes in physics, Dr. McDonald is director of one of the most innovative and important scientific experiments being conducted in Canada today. The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory is located 2 km underground in one of INCO's old mines in Sudbury, Ontario. This massive research effort is designed to detect solar neutrinos and help in the study of other major scientific questions such as the nature of dark matter. In Dr. McDonald's words, "The research that we are doing ... really bridges the entire universe. We are attempting to understand the most microscopic laws of physics that describe fundamental particles. And, in so doing, we try to understand the most detailed things about the universe, how it was created and evolved; in short, the origins of the universe."

October 25 **Professor Pat Marchak**
Department of Sociology
UBC
NO EASY FIX: GLOBAL RESPONSES TO CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Dr. Marchak is a retired Professor of Sociology, former Dean of Arts at UBC, and past President of the Humanities and Social Sciences Academy of the Royal

Society of Canada. She is the author of numerous books devoted to addressing some of the most important social and ethical issues of our times. Some of these books include *Reigns of Terror; The Integrated Circus: The New Right and the Restructuring of Global Markets; Logging the Globe; and God's Assassins - State Terrorism in Argentina in the 1970s*. Her most recent book, *No Easy Fix: Global Responses to Internal Wars and Crimes Against Humanity*, is the subject of her address to The Institute. Research for this book included fieldwork in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Serbia. Many of the issues raised in this research have parallels in current crisis regions, including Darfur, Zimbabwe, Iraq, Afghanistan and Myanmar.

November 1 **Mr. Steven Galloway**
Novelist and author of
"The Cellist of Sarajevo"
Vancouver
AN EVENING WITH STEVEN GALLOWAY

A native of Vancouver, Mr. Galloway has already produced three widely acclaimed novels. The first, *Finnie Walsh* (2000), was nominated for the Amazon.ca/Books in Canada First Novel Award. His second, *Ascension* (2003), was nominated for the BC Book Prizes' Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize, and has been translated into numerous languages. His newest novel, *The Cellist of Sarajevo*, was published in the spring of 2008 and is set in Sarajevo during the siege of the early 1990s. One review has characterized this masterpiece as a "gripping novel [which] transcends time and place. It is a universal story, and a testimony to the struggle to find meaning, grace, and humanity, even among the most unimaginable horrors."

November 8 **Dr. Louis Lefebvre**
Canada Research Chair in
Genomic Imprinting
UBC
VARIATION ON A GENE: THE ADVENT OF EPIGENETICS

Dr. Lefebvre is a leading researcher in the emerging area of epigenetics which studies the influence of non-genetic or environmental factors on how human genes behave, or express themselves. He received his B.Sc. from the Université Laval in Québec City and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UBC under the supervision of the late Nobel Laureate Prof. Michael Smith, in whose laboratory he studied mechanisms of gene regulation. As a Postdoctoral Fellow at Cambridge University, Dr. Lefebvre showed that genes regulated by epigenetic phenomena can be implicated in the regulation of embryonic growth and complex behaviour unique to mammals. His laboratory is part of the Molecular Epigenetics Group at the new Life Sciences Institute.

November 15 **Dr. John S. MacDonald**
Co-founder of MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates and CEO of Day4 Energy Inc
ENERGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Dr. MacDonald has had a distinguished career in the technology community in Canada. He is currently

Chairman and CEO of Day4 Energy Inc., a solar energy company of which he is a co-founder. Day4 Energy is dedicated to exploiting a new photovoltaic technology targeted at making solar energy generation cost competitive with fossil fuel. He was also a co-founder of MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates (MDA), Canada's principal space company. Dr. MacDonald was a faculty member in engineering at UBC and MIT for a total of 12 years prior to the founding of MacDonald Dettwiler. Dr. MacDonald has been awarded eight Honorary Degrees, and is an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 1999 he was named one of "50 most influential British Columbia business leaders of the 20th Century" and "Technology Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1995.

November 22 **Professor Michael Tenzer**
UBC School of Music
INDONESIA'S GAMELAN MUSIC - LECTURE AND PERFORMANCE

Born in New York City, Professor Tenzer studied music at Yale University, and then completed a PhD in music composition at University of California, Berkeley. Since 1977 he has also lived on and off for five years in Bali, Indonesia, studying gamelan traditions. In 1988-89 he learned drumming and singing in South India. From 1986-1996 he taught music theory and composition at Yale, and since 1996 has been professor of music at UBC. Since the 1980s Tenzer has been one of the most important figures in the international gamelan movement and was the first non-Balinese ever to compose music performed by the Balinese gamelan in Bali. These works have been cited by Balinese critics as "an important and unique contribution to our cultural heritage. Currently Tenzer directs Gamelan Gita Asmara in Vancouver.

November 29 GRAUER LECTURE
Professor Peter Clarke
Professor of Modern British History
and former Master, Trinity Hall College,
Cambridge University
THE TWO CAREERS OF WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

Dr. Peter Clarke was Professor of Modern British History from 1991 to 2004 at Cambridge University and Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, from 2000 to 2004. He is the author of a number of important books on British history and politics in the twentieth century, including *Hope and Glory: Britain 1900-2000* (2004) (the acclaimed Penguin history of Britain in the twentieth century) and *A Question of Leadership: Gladstone to Blair* (1999). His most recent work is *The Last Thousand Days of the British Empire: The Demise of a Superpower, 1944-47*. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and reviews books regularly for *The Times Literary Supplement*, the *London Review of Books* and the *Sunday Times*.

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