CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON

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CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Our annual Christmas Brunch is next week! Take this opportunity to enjoy a brunch with your fellow retirees. It will be held on Saturday, December 17th at 10:45am in the Saskatchewan Room of The University Club UofA.
The cost for the brunch is $40.00 per person. Guests are invited! If you wish to attend, please inform us at emirhse@ualberta.ca and make payment before December 12th.

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**CURAC’S BRAINY BOOMER ONLINE SESSIONS**

**Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 12:00 pm EST:** free Zoom workshop

Eat and Age Well: Healthy Eating on a Budget

By Mary Hendrickson MSc, RD, and Lingbo Li, a 4th year dietetics student at McGill University who is eager to share ideas for affordable holiday meals.


**Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 12:00 pm EST:** free Zoom session

What you need to know about Wills and Testaments

By Margherita M. Morsella, Lawyer

If you need further info, contact: Kaitlyn B: brainy.boomer-mcsa@mcgill.ca

(McGill Univ Research Centre for Studies in Aging)

**CURAC’S COLUMN IN UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS**

*English*: Staying in Touch After Retirement by/par Robert A Stebbins, Professor Emeritus-Sociology, University of Calgary:
https://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/academic-for-life/

*French*: Maintenir le contact après le départ à la retraite:
https://www.affairesuniversitaires.ca/conseils-carriere/universitaire-a-vie/maintenir-le-contact-apres-le-depart-a-la-retraite/

Further info available from: cllenave@ucalgary.ca

**EPILOGUE**

Attached you will find the latest issue of Epilogue for your enjoyment.

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LUNCH WITH...

The next edition of Lunch With… takes place on **Wednesday, January 25th at 11:30am** in person at the Papaschase Room at the University Club. The speaker will be Heather McPherson. She is an NDP Member of Parliament for Edmonton Strathcona.
The topic to be discussed is Politics in a Multi-Polar World.

Global politics is changing. Due to the ease of telecommunicating and the internet, new and more varied political poles and alliances are emerging and many of the issues we face locally are global in scope. Heather McPherson, Member of Parliament for Edmonton Strathcona and the NDP critic for Foreign Affairs and International Development, will address how Canada should negotiate this new, multi-polar world in foreign and domestic affairs.

More information about Heather to follow.

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Please feel free to invite your friends!

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