

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



December 10th, 2025

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH! 🎄 🧑🏻



The annual Christmas Brunch will be held on **Monday, December 15th** at 11:00 am in the Papaschase Room of the University Club.

Try to arrive by 10.30 am as we would like everyone to be seated by 10.45 am. For those arriving by car, complimentary parking is available for members of the Club in the first two rows of the parking lot next to the Club. For others, paid parking is available in the Windsor car parkade. There is a kiosk available for payment in the northeast corner of the first floor of the parkade. The weather doesn't appear to be too bad on the day of the brunch but please watch your step as you walk to the Club. If you have paid for this event and know you are unable to make it please notify us by tomorrow morning as we must give our final numbers to the Club by Thursday afternoon.

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Club takes place on Wednesday, **January 21st** at 2:30 pm in Room 1-46 of University Terrace (8303 112 Street). The discussion of *Clear by Carys Davies* , will be led by Vivien Bosley. Members may participate either in-person or online. Beverley O'Brien (bo1@ualberta.ca) will send a Zoom link beforehand for those wishing to join virtually. If you wish to join the

group, please contact Vivien Bosley at vbosley@ualberta.ca .

Please note that University Terrace is locked but there will be someone to meet you at the door when you arrive.

CURAC

You can find the latest CURAC/ARUCC Newsletter at <https://curac.ca/en/blog/december-2025-newsletter>

Academics Without Borders (AWB) Volunteer Opportunity for Facilitators for Online Teaching in Higher Education Program

Note that UofA is a member of AWS-USF so ARAS members would be eligible to take up this offer of volunteer work

[See further details about the opportunity and apply](#)

One of CURAC'S Affinity Partners, HearingLife is offering a special deal on hearing aids. You can find information on this at:

<https://curac.ca/en/member-benefits/health-hearinglife>

CURAC Zoom meeting recording

Watch Emeriti Network Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 17:00-19:00 CET: Central European time

Topic: How Retired Professors are Organized and How they E-collaborate

[Watch the recording here](#)

CURAC/ARUCC event provided by HearingLife

January 15th (2026) at 2pm AT, 1pm ET, noon CT, 11am MT, and 10am PT

Sign up now for CURAC's Retiree Associations Conversation with our Affinity Benefit partners – how to sign up:

- Send CLL your name, email address, and the name of your local retiree association cllenave@ucalgary.ca

Topic: RA Conversation: Hearing Life

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/98474524149>

Meeting ID: 984 7452 4149

Humanities and Social Sciences

Big Thinking Summit 2026: Inflection Point

June 9 to 11, Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton, Alberta

The Federation's Big Thinking Summit: Inflection Point will bring the humanities and social sciences (HSS) to the forefront. Together, we must draw on historical, linguistic, cultural, and practice-based perspectives to open new possibilities for a Canada at the crossroads. Questions of legitimacy — who produces knowledge, whose voices are amplified, and how authority is recognized — are pressing to the fore. As public trust in postsecondary institutions is tested, shifts in cross-sector partnerships must reshape how research connects with policy and community priorities. Innovations in teaching, inquiry, and knowledge sharing must redefine scholarship and how it circulates across all of society.

Calling on academics, community partners, and policymakers from across Canada to forge new collaborations and tackle these critical questions at the Big Thinking Summit: Inflection Point.

[Register](#)

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Damdini will be in the office Wednesday from 2-5 pm.

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