

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



January 6th, 2025

Happy New Year!



CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON

The next meeting of the Current Affairs Salon will take place via Zoom on Thursday, January 9th at 2.00 pm. The topic will be the state of affairs in Canada given the recent upheavals in the Liberal party highlighted by the resignation of the finance minister Christia Freeland. The Zoom coordinates for this meeting are

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83008835534?pwd%3DaKONPXPDaAeyyCLw9KTUnzqlRf365Z.1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1725128127281059&usq=AOvVaw0SA43VvoZmdPDf17N6IQL9>

Meeting ID: 830 0883 5534

Passcode: qn35hU4h



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club takes place on **Wednesday,**

January 15th at 2:30 pm in Room 1-46 of University Terrace

(8303 112 Street). The discussion of *This is How You Start to*

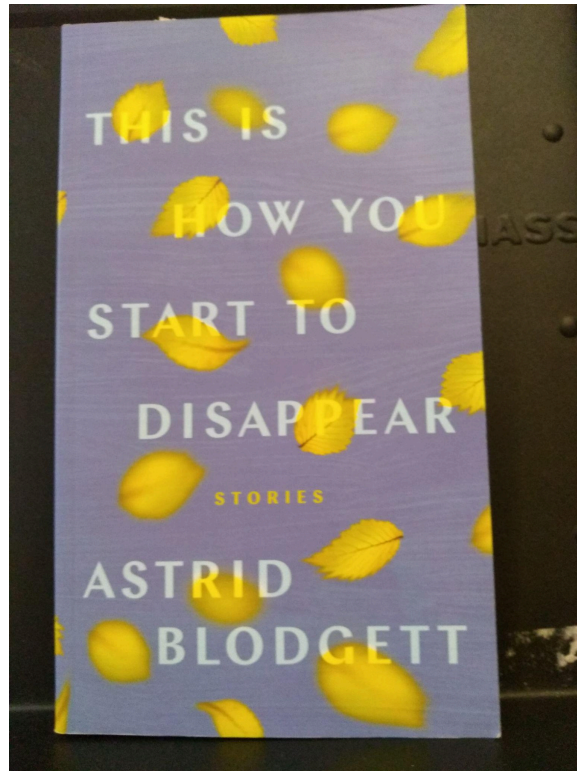
Disappear by Astrid Blodgett will be led by Astrid Blodgett.

Members may participate either in-person or online. Beverly

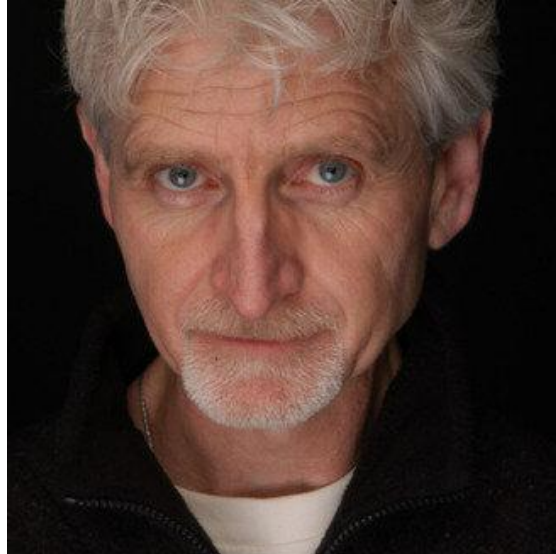
O'Brien (bo1@ualberta.ca) will send a Zoom link beforehand for

those wishing to join virtually. If you wish to join the group, please

contact Vivien Bosley at vbosley@ualberta.ca



LUNCH WITH...



The next Lunch with event is going to be held at 11.30 am on Wednesday, January 29th. The speaker will be James Lavoie. He will be speaking on the topic of *Glass Blowing*. An example, of which is shown.



If you would like to attend please notify us at emirhse@ualberta.ca

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WEBINARS OF INTEREST

WELCOME TO TORONTO! (NO VACANCIES AVAILABLE):

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE CANADIAN HOUSING

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Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Time: 12 noon to 1 pm (ET)

Speaker: Dr. Luisa Sotomayor, Director of the City Institute at York University and Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Housing in the Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change.

In this talk, we will examine the challenges faced by post-secondary students, particularly international students in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area, amidst Canada's deepening housing crisis. Drawing on research from the StudentDwellTO multi-university partnership and recent policy debates on migration and education, Professor Sotomayor will shed light on how systemic housing shortages, rising rents, and precarious living conditions disproportionately impact students, which in turn, also impacts residential communities. By addressing these issues, the talk explores broader questions of equity and access, highlighting

the complex intersections of migration, housing policy, and urban inequality in a global city region under pressure.

TO REGISTER:

https://yorku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_14uYYCubSnibe6xQqkbcqA#/registration

DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT IN NUNAVUT

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Time: 12 noon to 1 pm (ET)

Speaker: Stephanie Gora, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering, York University

Attendees will learn the basics of drinking water provision and drinking water safety in remote Arctic communities in Nunavut as

well as the challenges and opportunities for innovation in these water systems.

TO REGISTER:

https://yorku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CFJGCqC_RSq9QgK_S3yAhYA#/registration

Stephanie Gora is assistant professor in the department of civil engineering in the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University. Her research is focused on light-based technologies (e.g. UV, advanced oxidation, photocatalysis) for drinking water and wastewater treatment. She also works on projects that aim to develop sustainable drinking water solutions for small and remote communities, including communities in Northern Canada. She holds a PhD from the University of Toronto and she is registered

as a professional engineer with Engineers Nova Scotia and Professional Engineers Ontario.

OFFICE ASSISTANT

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

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