

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



March 3rd, 2025

CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON

The next meeting of CAS takes place on **Thursday March 6th** at 2:00 pm via Zoom. This month we will be dealing with the issue of tariffs. Through our discussion, we should be able to find out who will be hurt more; the country that applies the tariffs or the country which is subject to them. David Cooper has provided us with a link that has a lot of useful information on tariffs. You might want to read this before the meeting.

https://theconversation.com/what-is-a-tariff-an-economist-explains-93392?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAoJC-BhCSARIsAPhdfShW

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The Zoom coordinates for this meeting are

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BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club takes place on **Wednesday, March 19th at 2:30 pm** in Room 1-46 of University Terrace (8303 112 Street). The discussion of *The Master and Margarita* by *Mikhail Bulgakov* will be led by Rob Normey. 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

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

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Desjardins Speaker Series: *AI & Entrepreneurship* - A Nobel Laureate's Advice for Startup Founders...and All of Us

Thursday, **March 6**, 2025

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM EST/

Livestream - Free

To mark the culmination of U of T Entrepreneurship Week, join University Professor Emeritus and Nobel Prize winner, Geoffrey Hinton for a candid conversation with Jordan Jacobs, Managing Partner & Co-Founder of Radical Ventures, moderated by Ivan Semeniuk, award-winning journalist at The Globe and Mail, on the opportunities, challenges, and obligations when building a new venture leveraging the power of artificial intelligence.

The fireside chat will cover a broad range of topics, including:

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- Canada's place in the AI revolution
 - Do large language models (LLMs) understand language in the same way as we do?
 - Reasons for optimism
 - Risks of AI
 - Is digital intelligence just better than analog intelligence?

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Information from **Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE)**;

We're thrilled to invite you to an exclusive [preview session for the highly anticipated AROHE Reimagining Retirement: Holistic Cognitive Health series!](#) This is your opportunity to learn how to publicize these events effectively and ask questions about making the most of them for your members.

During the session, we'll:

- ✔ Provide tools to help you promote the Reimagining Retirement series and the virtual conference to your members.
- ✔ Give a Look inside the Reimagining Retirement lineup, including expert speakers and enriching sessions.
- ✔ Offer tips on how to engage with these events for maximum impact.
- ✔ Answer your questions and help you connect with the AROHE community.

About the Reimagining Retirement Series:

The Reimagining Retirement: Holistic Cognitive Health series is a three-part virtual learning experience hosted by AROHE and Fidelity Investments. Designed for faculty and staff in higher

education contemplating or enjoying retirement, this series will help clarify your goals and empower you to embrace life's next chapter.

Session 2: Navigating Change – Strategies for Transitional Times

- Speakers: Dr. E. Ayn Welleford and Dr. Katie Gilstrap, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Date/Time: **March 11**, 2024, 10 AM PST | 1 PM EST
- Learn evidence-based strategies for thriving during life transitions, leveraging skills, and fostering resilience.

Session 3: Personal Stories – Tips from Retirees on Managing Cognitive Health

- Moderator: Gigi Amateau, Ph.D., VCU Department of Gerontology
 - Date/Time: **March 25**, 2024, 10 AM PST | 1 PM EST
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- Gain inspiration and actionable tips through retired professionals' personal stories and lived experiences.

We can't wait to see you there and work together to make these events a resounding success!

EPILOGUE

Please find attached the latest edition of Epilogue for your reading enjoyment.

OFFICE ASSISTANT

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

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