

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



November 05th, 2025

CURRENT AFFAIRS SALON



The next meeting of the Current Affairs Salon will take place via
Zoom on Thursday **November 6**, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The new Budget

will have been announced on November 4 so it is only fitting that the topic of the Salon should be the Canadian economy. To begin with, the question of Canada's relations to China and the possible exchange of removing the 100% tariff on Chinese EV's for the removal of Chinese tariffs on Canadian canola and pork products is worth some discussion. The Zoom coordinates for the meeting are <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83008835534?pwd=aKONPxDaAeyyCLw9KTUnzqlRf365Z.1#success>

Meeting ID: 830 0883 5534

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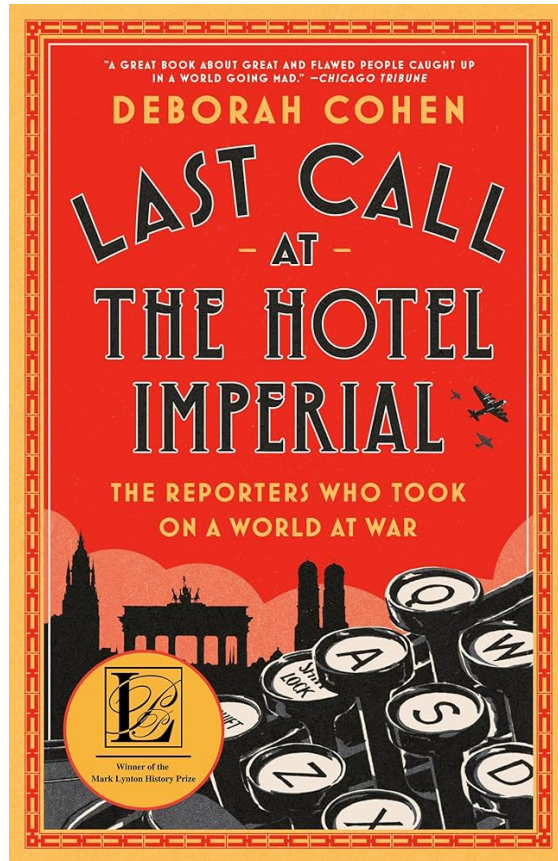


The next Lunch With...event will take place at 11:30 am on **Wednesday, November 12** in Room 1-38 of University Terrace.

The speaker will be Josephine van Lier whose topic will be “Two Voices, Two Histories: the Viola de Gamba and the Cello”. She will be bringing both instruments and will play samples of respective music.

Lunch will be catered by Upper Crust at a cost of \$25; payment in advance by INTERAC transfer would be appreciated, but payment at the meeting will be accepted. Paid parking will be available in College Plaza and is accessible from 112 Street by turning onto 83 Avenue and driving east until turning right into the parkade. Room 1-38 is at the far east on the first floor of University Terrace. If you have a OneCard which authorizes you to enter University Terrace, you can park in the parkade under University Terrace (paid parking). Someone will be at the front door to greet you and let you in. You should be targeting an arrival time of 11:30 am with lunch to begin at around 11: 45 am and the speaker starting his presentation at around 12:15 pm. If you would like to attend, please notify us at emirhse@ualberta.ca

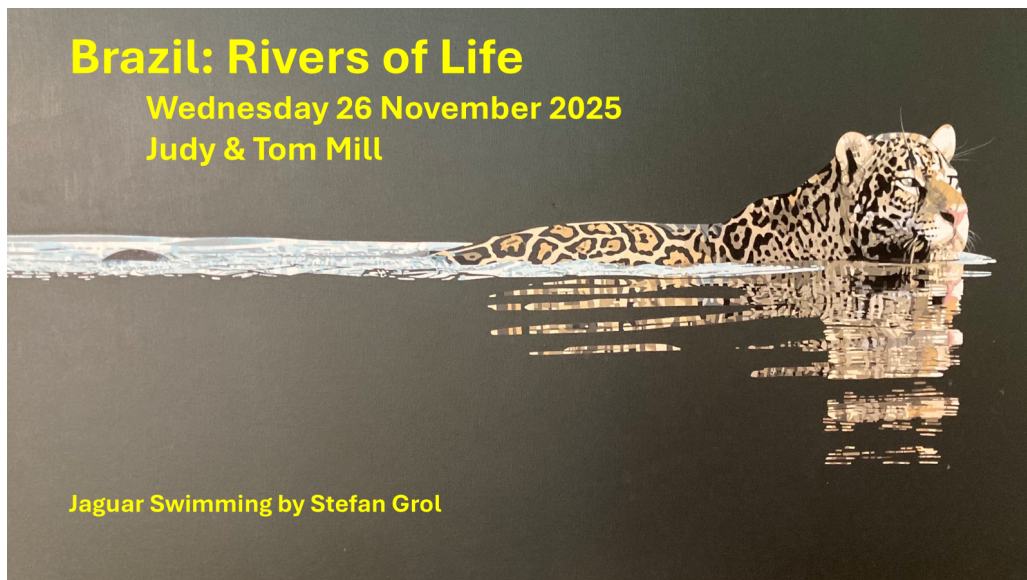
BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Club takes place on **Wednesday, November 19th** at 2:30 pm in Room 1-46 of University Terrace (8303 112 Street). The discussion of *Last Call at the Hotel Imperial* by Deborah Cohen will be led by Rob Normey. 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.

TRAVEL GROUP



The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on **Wednesday, November 26th** at 2.00 pm. Judy and Tom Mill will speak on "Brazil: Rivers of Life". The room will be the ARAS Conference room, 6th floor of University Terrace Building. If you plan to attend please contact us at emirhse@ualberta.ca

CURAC

Webinars of Interest:

POPULAR MUSIC OF THE 1970'S (by instructor Steven Baur) which is a 6 week session regarding a range of music types and how music reflected (and reshaped) history, culture, and technology

----Fridays, **October 10 to November 14, 2025**

----10am to 12 noon, Atlantic Daylight time –which is 9am to 11am Eastern Daylight Time

----Membership Required: Learn more and REGISTER at:
www.theSCANS.org

One Health: What are the risks of transmission of diseases from animal to human. What strategies are being used. How big of a risk is H5 Bird Flu?

November 19, 2025

2pm-3:30pm MT

Speaker: Herman Barkema
Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming
School of Medicine
United Nations University Chair in Infectious Diseases in a
Changing Climate
[Join the session here](#)
Meeting ID: 982 1249 8606
Passcode: 228056

**CURAC's /ARUCC's series "Retiree Association
Conversations"(Recording)**

The recording of the October 16th Zoom presentation about
CURAC Affinity partners is now available:

[Watch the Recording here](#)

The passcode for the recording: !1\$6qq9&

The presentation itself starts at the 10:10 mark. (Chatter before
then...)

CURAC/ ARUCC event provided by two Affinity Partners

[Collette Black Friday 2025 News Update](#)

Date and Time: **Nov 17th, 2025** 11:00 AM Mountain Time
(Canada)

[CURAC Black Friday Show - Click Here to Register!](#)

AFTER YOU REGISTER: 1. Look for this message on your screen:
"You have successfully registered. Please check your email for a
confirmation message." 2. Check your email inbox: You will receive

a confirmation email at the address you used to register. This email will include easy instructions on how to join the webinar.

University of Waterloo Retiree Association free Online Session:

Date and time: Wednesday **November 12/25** at 7:30pm to 8:30pm Eastern time

Topic: PLAN WELL TO LIVE WELL

Zoom Link to REGISTER:

https://imodules.uwaterloo.ca/s/1802/21/event.aspx?sid=1802&gid=2&pgid=3894&content_id=5767

University of Calgary Retirees Association (UCRA) Fall 2025 hybrid sessions:

November 19th, 2025 2pm-3:30pm Mountain time(MT)

Herman Barkema Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine United Nations University Chair in Infectious Diseases in a Changing Climate

Topic: One Health: What are the risks of transmission of diseases from animal to human? What strategies are being used?. How big of a risk is H5 Bird Flu?

The link for non-UCRA members to register for this free session will be announced.

Technology for seniors: How older adults can benefit from digital tools

From staying in touch with loved ones to boosting brain health, accessing information, supporting wellness, and enjoying entertainment, technology offers many benefits for older adults. With a few simple tips—like starting small, asking for help, and practicing online safety—seniors can confidently embrace the digital world.

<https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/hitting-the-headlines/detail/hitting-the-headlines/2025/09/17/technology-for-seniors--how-older-adults-can-benefit-from-digital-tools>

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](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Brunch: Monday December 15th at 11.00 am

OFFICE ASSISTANT

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

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