

8th Annual Contract Faculty Colloquium Program



Wednesday, May 4

- 10:00 Registration and Coffee
- 10:30 WELCOME: Introduction to Contract Faculty Committee members
- 11:00 - 11:15 Sarika Bose
"Marginalization in the Academy: For the Public Good?"
- 11:20 - 11:35 Arianna Dagnino
"Poetry in Self-Translation" (This paper is sponsored by a Special Canada Council grant)
- 11:40 - 11:55 Meredith Beales
"Naming "The backside of Canada": The Search for Sir Francis Drake's New Albion"
- 12:00 - 12:15 Azita Madadi Noei and Anahita Madadi Noee
"Asynchronous or Multiaccess Synchronous, That is the Question"
- 12:20 - 12:35 Carellin Brooks and Sarah Nelle Jackson
"Ungrading in Practice: Student-Led Collaborative Assessment"
- 12:40 - 1:40 LUNCH BREAK
- 1:40 - 1:55 Nahid Walji
"Creating Mathematical Experiences for Undergraduates: Explorations in Hyperbolic Space."
- 2:00 - 2:15 Paul Lusina
"Technical Feasibility Canvas for Entrepreneurship"
- 2:20 - 3:00 Academic Freedom Roundtable
- 3:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 3:20 - 3:35 Tess Prendergast
"Rethinking the Canon in Children's Literature"
- 3:40 - 3:55 Xueshun Liu
"Teaching Critical Thinking Through Examples"
- 4:00 - 4:15 Sarbjit Sarkaria
"Chat GPT: Clever Science or Real AI?"
- 4:20 - 4:30 Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Register through the CTLT website: <https://events.cltt.ubc.ca/events/contract-faculty-colloquium-may-4-2023/>

Speaker Profiles

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Arianna Dagnino (Sessional Lecturer, FHIS)
"Poetry in Self-Translation" (This paper is sponsored by a Special Canada Council grant)

Arianna Dagnino is a writer, literary translator and academic researcher.

After completing a PhD in Comparative Literature at the University of South Australia, she moved to Canada and currently teaches in the Italian Studies program at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. She is the author of eight books, including the post-apartheid novel and screenplay *The Afrikaner* (Guernica Editions, Toronto, 2019), set between South Africa and Namibia and covering the terrains of love, scientific research and historical guilt, and the monograph *Transcultural Writers and Novels in the Age of Global Mobility* (UP Press, 2015) – www.ariannadagnino.com

Meredith Beales (Lecturer, Journalism, Writing and Media)

"Naming "The backside of Canada": The Search for Sir Francis Drake's New Albion"

Meredith Beales did her doctoral work at the University of St. Louis, and teaches literature and academic writing at UBC Vancouver at the School of Journalism, Writing and Media. Recent publications include chapters on the representation of the past on the early modern stage and performance reviews in *Theatre Journal and Scene*.

Azita Madadi Noei (Lecturer, Food, Nutrition and Health)
"Asynchronous or Multiaccess Synchronous, That is the Question"

Azita Madadi-Noei is a lecturer at the faculty of Land and Food Systems. She completed her PhD in the Food Science at UBC specializing in dairy chemistry and microbiology. She has undergone extensive training in different food processing facilities. Azita has over 25 years of experience in teaching and academia and is currently focusing on pedagogical aspect of Food Science.

Anahita Madadi Noee (Sessional Lecturer, Land and Food Systems)

"Asynchronous or Multiaccess Synchronous, That is the Question"

Anahita Madadi-Noee is a Sessional Lecturer in the faculty of Land and Food Systems.. She has an MSc. in Chemical Engineering, majoring in Food Engineering and biotechnology. Ana is currently working towards her Doctor of Education degree in Distance Education, focusing on learning technologies. She has over 20 years of diverse backgrounds in academia and industry and is experienced in developing effective learning programs and materials

Carellin Brooks (Lecturer, Wood Science)

"Ungrading in Practice: Student-Led Collaborative Assessment"

Carellin Brooks is a communications strategies specialist and lecturer in the department of Wood Science, Faculty of Forestry. She worked at UBC as a sessional instructor for two decades and has also taught at other institutions including Douglas, Kwantlen, Emily Carr, and Fairleigh Dickinson. She has written six books.

Sarah Nelle Jackson (Sessional Lecturer, Land and Food Systems)

"Ungrading in Practice: Student-Led Collaborative Assessment"

Sarah-Nelle Jackson is a PhD candidate in English Language and Literatures and a sessional instructor in UBC's Faculty of Land and Food Systems, having also taught first-year writing courses in Forestry and English. In her dissertation, she explores premodern Western depictions of the environment, and asks how these

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premodern environments might shape contemporary videogame design.

Nahid Walji (Lecturer, Mathematics)

“Creating Mathematical Experiences for Undergraduates: Explorations in Hyperbolic Space”

Nahid Walji is a Lecturer in the Mathematics department at UBC since 2020, and specialises in Number Theory. Previously, he was a faculty member at the American University of Paris for three years. He spent his postdoc years in Berkeley, Lausanne, and Zurich, and obtained his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology.

Paul Lusina (Lecturer, Electrical and Computer Engineering)

“Technical Feasibility Canvas for Entrepreneurship”

Paul Lusina’s pedagogical focus is in the area of team-based design projects. These courses challenge students with open-ended problems, and require them to navigate a variety of relationships including with peers, project sponsors, teaching faculty and the public at large. Over the past ten years, Paul has applied a variety of pedagogical tools to his courses which include Electrical & Computer engineering’s Capstone course, and most recently the Applied Science – Sauder School of business course called New Venture Design. Through these courses, he seeks to foster an environment where students can develop their personal as well as their technical skills as they transition into the next phase of their career.

Paul earned his Ph.D. in Ulm, Germany in the area of communications technology. He is a Professional Engineer with the Engineering and Geoscientists of BC, a member of the Canadian Engineering Education Association, and director with the Pacific Energy Innovation Association.

Tess Prendergast (Lecturer, School of Information)

“Rethinking the Canon in Children’s Literature”

Tess Prendergast is a Lecturer in the School of Information where she teaches courses in librarianship and children’s literature. Prior to joining the iSchool in 2019, Tess worked as a children’s librarian in a public library where much of her work focused on early literacy supports for newcomers to Canada. Her doctoral research was a qualitative multiple-case study that explored the inclusion of children with disabilities in early learning opportunities. Drawing on sociocultural and bioecological systems theories, Tess considers the impacts that libraries and librarians have on children, families, and communities. As an educator, and as a mentor to emerging librarians and children’s literature scholars, Tess supports her students as they develop and strengthen their own critical approaches to literature and other literacy resources for children and families.

Xueshun Liu (Lecturer, Asian Studies)

“Teaching Critical Thinking Through Examples”

Xueshun Liu received his PhD in Asian Studies from UBC. Currently, he is a lecturer in the Department of Asian Studies. He teaches Chinese literature courses. His interests include innovative pedagogy, classical Chinese poetry, history of Chinese martial arts fiction, oracle bone inscriptions, ancient Chinese astronomy and early Chinese history.

Sarbjit Sarkaria (Sessional Lecturer, Electrical and Computer Engineering)

“Chat GPT: Clever Science or Real AI?”

Sarbjit Sarkaria has been teaching CPEN 502 as a sessional lecturer at UBC since 1994 which is something he enjoys doing very much! He is a member of the Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, received his Ph.D. in Neural Computing from Aston University, UK in 1991 and is a passionate follower of the latest advancements in deep neural networks and artificial intelligence. His recent publications address the application of reinforcement learning to optimal decision making in disaster response scenarios. Outside of UBC, Sarbjit works for ProCogia, a local high-tech data consultancy firm. His past employers include Finning, Motorola, Nokia and UBC founded MacDonald Dettwiler & Associates.

Your Host:

Sarika Bose, Chair, UBC Faculty Association Contract Faculty Committee Lecturer, English

Sarika Bose is a Lecturer in the Department of English Languages and Literatures, where she has taught Victorian and Children’s Literature for over 20 years. Her PhD on Oscar Wilde and Victorian Drama is from Birmingham University, U.K. She has been active in academic labour advocacy work as past Chair of CAUT’s CAS Committee, is the present chair of the UBC Faculty Association Contract Faculty Committee, and is on the International Advisory Board of the Coalition of Contract Academic Labour (COCAL), as well as its editorial board for COCAL Updates. She has published on Victorian drama and on academic labour issues.

