



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

May 2019

May Meetings

Thurs. May 2nd. - Dr. Emma Allen-Vercoe - “What’s new in Gut Microbiota Research”

Presentation Description

Dr. Allen-Vercoe will provide an overview of the importance of the gut microbiota (the collection of bacteria, viruses and yeasts that live in our gut) to health. She will then provide a digest (excuse the pun) of some of the more salient research that is currently emerging linking the gut microbiota with several important chronic diseases, and will end with a discussion about a new paradigm in medicine - using gut microbes as drugs to treat a variety of conditions.

Bio

Emma Allen-Vercoe (BSc (Hons.) Biochemistry, PhD Molecular Microbiology) is a Professor and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, based in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Guelph, who studies the human gut microbiome in health and disease. As well as an active academic research program that studies many aspects of the gut microbiome from establishment of a healthy gut microbiome to imbalances in ecosystem ecology in episodes of colitis, Dr. Allen-Vercoe is the CSFO of NuBiyota, a company founded in 2013 to develop novel microbial ecosystem-based treatments to alleviate and correct the gut microbiota in disease.



9:30 Refreshments – 10:10 Speaker

Thurs. May 16th. - Dr. Robert W. Park - "Dying to Explore: The Archaeology of Sir John Franklin's 3rd Arctic Expedition "

Presentation Description

For centuries the challenge of finding a navigable sailing route through the Canadian Arctic drew European explorers into that daunting region, but in the 1840s those attempts culminated in the catastrophic loss of Sir John Franklin's third expedition—two ships and 129 sailors. Almost continuously since then, people have been attempting to understand why and how this unprecedented disaster occurred. This presentation will describe how recent archaeological investigations, informed by testimony from the Inuit people of the region, located the last remains of Franklin's expedition and are shedding new light on this 160-year-old mystery.

Bio

For four decades I have participated in archaeological fieldwork in Southern Ontario, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and especially Nunavut. Most of my own research over that period has been into the Inuit of Canada's Arctic, exploring the development of their way of life over the past five thousand years. However, I've also been involved in research studying the early European exploration of that region from the 1800s through the 1930s. I've been on the fringes of research into the famous third Franklin expedition for many years but my participation in the current search goes back to its beginning in 2008. Since then I've been assisting the Nunavut Government in the land-based component of the archaeological research.



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Thurs. May 30th. - Dr. Julia Christensen Hughes - "Developing leaders for a sustainable and equitable world"

Presentation Description

In this presentation, and as she prepares to step down as dean, Dr. Julia Christensen Hughes will be reflecting on the steps she took over a ten-year leadership journey, to support the transformation of the University of Guelph's College of Management and Economics into the globally recognized and recently named Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics. Lessons learned from a systems point of view will be shared. The importance of transforming our educational institutions will be emphasized.

Bio

Dr. Julia Christensen Hughes is founding dean of the recently named Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics at the University of Guelph. With a career defined by advocacy, Julia provided the leadership over a ten-year journey, for transforming the university's College of Management and Economics into a globally recognized business school, renowned for its commitment to "developing leaders for a sustainable and equitable world".

In 2019 Julia facilitated a thought leader session at the World Economic Forum in Davos on the need to fundamentally revisit business school rankings. She has also addressed the United Nations General Assembly in NYC on the need for business schools to contribute to advancing the UN's sustainable development goals, including prioritizing quality education. Previously, Julia served as president of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, a predominantly Canadian organization committed to enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in post-secondary institutions. She has been on faculty at the University of Guelph for over 30 years.

Julia's scholarly work includes the edited books, *Handbook of Human Resource Management in the Tourism and Hospitality Industries* (2018), Edward Elgar Publishing and *Taking Stock: Research on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education* (2010), McGill-Queen's University Press. She has also written on ethics and integrity in the academy, with papers published in the Canadian Journal of Higher Education. Julia has received a number of awards and recognitions, including the Sheffield Award from the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, for excellence in research; the University of Guelph's John Bell Award, for distinguished educational leadership; and the "Woman of Distinction Award" from the Guelph YMCA, for outstanding contributions to education and training.



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Future Meetings

Future general meetings for June 2019 are on Thurs. June 13th. And Thurs. June 27th.

Activities & Events

Coffee Club - 10 to 11 a.m.

Thursday May 9th. And Thurs. May 23rd.

Coffee / Breakfast at the the **Boathouse** or the **AirPark Café** on 50 Skyway Drive at the Guelph Airport

Elora Race Night: Monday September 23rd. 2019

Contact for Events & Activities – Ray Biffis - col.biffis@gmail.com

Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

Membership

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to Del Campbell, **519-826-0679**
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Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.