



# NEWSLETTER

## PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

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Enriching members with topical, entertaining speakers and social activities

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 9th at 9:30 am**

**Location: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium & Space Centre, Lower Level**

**Speaker: Brian Latell, PhD. Former CIA National Intelligence Office for Latin America**

**Topic: All things Cuba**



### **BRIAN LATELL, PhD**

Brian Latell has been a Latin America and Caribbean specialist for more than four decades. During his 35 years of service in the CIA and the National Intelligence Council, he advised White House and other ranking American officials and members of Congress on Latin American developments. He teaches, lectures, consults, and writes, especially on Cuba, and has frequently advised US and foreign government policy making organizations and leaders.

He is the author of *Castro's Secrets: The CIA and Cuba's Intelligence Machine*; *After Fidel: The Inside Story of Raul Castro's Regime and Cuba's Next Leader* and *After Fidel: Raul Castro and the Future of Cuba's Revolution*. Dr. Latell has published opinion and feature articles in many distinguished publications in North America, Europe, and Latin America. He has been employed by television networks as a Cuba news consultant and commentator. From 1990-1994 Dr. Latell served as National Intelligence Officer for Latin America, the highest ranking position for the region in all of the US intelligence agencies. From 1994-1998, he was Director of the CIA Center for the Study of Intelligence.

He taught history and American foreign policy at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service for 26 years as an adjunct professor. Later, from 2006 until 2015 he was Senior Research Associate at the University of Miami. Currently, he is Adjunct Professor at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy of Florida International University.

In 1985-1986 he was a Senior Associate at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and published extensively, including a timely monograph, *Mexico at the Crossroads*. For three years he was Senior Associate in the Americas Program of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. He was a two term member of the board of directors of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO). In the late 1960s he served as a US Air Force intelligence officer.

Dr. Latell (History, Georgetown University) is the recipient of numerous academic and professional awards, including the CIA's Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

**September 13: Dr. David Sweet,  
Dental Pathologist**

**Topic: Forensic Science:  
An insider's point of view**

**October 11: Ujjal Dosanjh  
Politician/Author**

### **!!!PARKING LOT ADVISORY!!!**

**ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS REPORTED THAT, AT OUR JULY MEETING, HE RECEIVED A PARKING TICKET FROM EASY PARK FOR \$45 AS HE HAD INADVERTENTLY TAKEN UP 2 SPACES, IN A MUCH UNDER-OCCUPIED LOT. THE PAINTED WHITE LINES ARE VERY WORN AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SEE EXACTLY WHERE THE LINES ARE AS THEY ARE OFF-SET, SO IF YOU PARK BEHIND ANOTHER VEHICLE, YOU ARE AT RISK OF GETTING A FINE.**

### **PROBUS VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB**

**Our PROBUS Vancouver Bridge Club has limited openings for new members. The Club plays Rubber Bridge in private homes from mid-September until mid-June. PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER members may join as singles or as twosomes with their partners. Members who are interested should contact : Carl Jonsson at 604 261-6687 or 604 640-6357— [krokabo@shaw.ca](mailto:krokabo@shaw.ca) for more details.**

### **Thanks to our July Member Services Team**

**Greeters—Bill Lange  
& Raymond Greenwood  
Cashiers—John Gadsby  
& John Berezowskyj**

## Report of the July 12th Meeting

Attendance: 144 Members and Guests

The meeting was chaired by Doug Jones who opened with a story about the wisdom of a certain young lad and the lack thereof of his barber. Billy Ellis introduced two new members (see Welcome New Members on page 3) and Raymond Greenwood thanked the cashier and greeters. Doug Graham spoke about two upcoming events (see Activities on page 4) and Doug Horswill introduced our speaker, Dr. Indira Samarasekera, who has had a diverse and accomplished career, currently serving as Senior Advisor for Bennett Jones and on the boards of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Asia Pacific Foundation, Governor General's Rideau Hall Foundation and Magma International. She was recently appointed by the Prime Minister to serve on a three-person independent advisory panel on the selection of new Senators.

Dr. Samarasekera noted that ripples signal subsurface tensions that are building. Our task is to watch them and be prepared for what is coming, since unexpected waves can take you under and wipe you out. 25 years ago, when the technological shift that gave us the internet, email, cell phones, electronic games, Google, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, text messaging and downloads of all kinds of what used to be protected intellectual property began, hardly anyone could predict how much it would change our lives and economy.

As technology advances, machines are increasingly outperforming the best humans in areas we could not have imagined and this trend is accelerating. The question to all of us is what skills will our children and grandchildren need in this Brave New World? The answer is quite simple: we must hone those skills that only humans have, talents that computers will never have. Machines can't replicate the emotional bonds of human interaction, which have been honed through millennia. Training that enhances individuals' ability to work successfully in teams, build relationships, facilitate co-creativity, brainstorm, manage diverse employees, make collective moral judgments, exhibit cultural and social sensitivity are what employers such as Google have already begun to value.

Universities that ignore this learning revolution will wake up in 2050 to a brave new world that they do not recognize. These shifts will challenge how universities are funded, how they use their physical space, how they educate the next generation, how they manage talent and create knowledge that becomes the basis for new ideas, technology and innovation. Students no longer need traditional lectures. Universities are experimenting with what they call a flipped classroom, where students have access to the lecture material online, on their own time, and professors engage with small groups to stimulate their thinking.

In the itinerant faculty model, the best professors in a subject area would spend a month at a university delivering an intense engagement to students over that time, instead of teaching a

fixed course over a term. Universities can shop around depending on their budgets, like an Uber for universities. Professors can then licence their services to several universities for a fixed term to deliver certain courses. This could enable universities to do a lot more with their limited budgets, with 80% of university budgets are currently dedicated to professors' salaries.

Universities play a key role in the creation of brain hubs, magnets for the talent, technology and capital driving the growth of this new economy. Consider that Larry Page and Sergey Brin started what became Google as a Ph.D. project at Stanford in 1996 and then launched as a company from a friend's garage in 1998. Today Google is transforming how we access info in ways that were unimaginable decades ago. These new technologies invented by people barely out of university are major economic drivers. Over the last 10 years, the number of jobs in the internet sector in the US grew by over 600%, 200 times more than the growth in total jobs during that time. This entrepreneurial activity is accelerating globally, fuelling new brain hubs around the world. Universities are at the centre of each of these new brain hubs. Enrico Moretti suggests that five additional local jobs are created for every high tech job these companies produce. The tech sector directly generates \$70 billion of GDP in Canada and has the potential to transform other traditional sectors.

We need to build ecosystems that accelerate the production of these technologies and nurtures the development of new enterprises. We have the right ingredients: our low cost, high quality lifestyle as well as attractive tax credits have put Canada on the map for both investors and businesses. It's now time for enlightened public policy, private risk taking and transformation of our universities in order to raise our global competitiveness such that our grandchildren and their children can enjoy the quality of life we have enjoyed.

*For a version of the above which includes questions and answers, please go to our PROBUS website at [www.probusvancouver.com](http://www.probusvancouver.com), click on "Speakers" and then on "Indira Samarasekera"*

### **VISITING ANOTHER PROBUS CLUB**

**You can attend the meeting of another PROBUS Club as a guest. However, you should contact the club you wish to visit and advise them of your plans. The meeting address of clubs in Canada can be found on the website "probus.org" under National Pages and Contacts.**

### Rotarians' Investment Club

There will not be an Investment Club Meeting in July, and our August Meeting will be of a social nature with our significant others. If you are interested in finding out more about our Club, please email or call John Sullivan who would be pleased to forward information to you.

John Sullivan, Membership Chair, Res: 604-263-4486;  
Email: [johnwsullivan@shaw.ca](mailto:johnwsullivan@shaw.ca) (note the "w")

### IN MEMORIAM

*It is with regret that we announce the passing of David Rolfe on July 4.*

*Our condolences to their families and friends  
The PROBUS Club of Vancouver will make a donation in his name to  
The Lions Gate Hospital Foundation*

### Welcome New Members

**Paul Richard  
Civil Engineer**



**Bud Wong  
Judge**



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!**  
**UJJAL DOSANJH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE SPEAKER AT OUR ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON. THE LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT THE ARBUTUS CLUB**

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT-2016

The Nominating Committee, comprising of Chairman David Scott, Jack Zaleski and Doug Jones submitted the following slate of nominees for 2016–2017:

**President and Director:** Doug Jones  
**Past President and Director:** Jack Zaleski  
**Vice-President and Director:** Hugh Lindsay  
**Secretary and Director:** Richard Carson  
**Treasurer and Director:** Doug Cucheron

The following have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs

**Speakers Committee:** Hugh Chaun  
**Membership Committee:** Brian Maunder  
**Web Site Committee:** Nick LeMoine  
**Activities Committee:** Ian Paterson  
**House Committee:** Doug Lambert  
**Newsletter Editor and Publisher:** Peter Scott  
**Membership Services Committee:** Raymond Greenwood  
**Historian & Archivist:** Roy Williams  
**Counsel:** Brian Wasson  
Ken Yule  
Ted Horsey

Any additional nominations (with prior agreement to stand) must be conveyed to the Nominating Committee at least 24 hours in advance of the September Annual General Meeting. A nomination for one of the top five positions would also carry a nomination for one of the five directors.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the PROBUS Club Vancouver will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

#### AGENDA

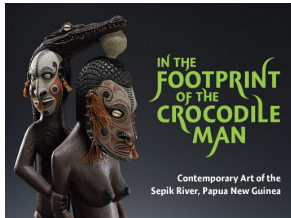
- 1. Welcome address by Chair of Meeting - President**
- 2. Appointment of Secretary**
- 3. Confirmation of Quorum and Voting Procedure**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of AGM of September 8, 2015**
- 5. Consideration of Annual Financial Review**
- 6. Election of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen**
- 7. Other business:**  
**By-Law Amendments**  
**Conclusion of Meeting**

### FROM YOUR WEBSITE COMMITTEE

**Do you read the Probus Club of Vancouver newsletter on an iPad or Smartphone?**

If so, you may have experienced difficulty reading the whole newsletter because it won't scroll down. We've found a solution for you. When you select a newsletter on the website, you'll be offered an option: "Click here to read the newsletter on an iPad or Smartphone." This should solve your problem. When you're finished with the newsletter, just hit the "go back", left-pointing arrow at the top left corner of your screen to return to the website. Your Website Committee appreciates hearing from members who have questions, problems and suggestions. If you have any, please feel free to phone Hugh Lindsay, Chair of the Website committee at 604 732-0366. The website address is <http://probusvancouver.com/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

We have arranged for private guided tours (in groups of 15 people) of the Museum of Anthropology at UBC. At this time it is for members only. The estimated cost will be \$25.00 per person which will include entry to the Museum and a coffee and muffin on arrival. PROBUS members will be located at the public entrance to guide attendees. The Museum is currently presenting two special exhibits, “In the Footprint of the Crocodile Man” and “Unceded Territories”.

“In the Footprint of the Crocodile Man” is a unique exhibition which showcases the most comprehensive collection of contemporary Sepik art in North America, and draws urgent attention to the logging and mining operations that pose environmental threats to the region of the Sepik River of Papua New Guinea, which is one of the largest river systems in the world, extraordinarily beautiful, but seldom visited. It is here that the Iatmul people, who live along its banks, have created internationally renowned works of art primarily inspired by stories of the majestic crocodile as the primordial creator.

“Unceded Territories” is a showcase of Vancouver artist, Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, of Coast Salish and Okanagan descent. In this provocative exhibition, his works confront the colonialist suppression of First Nations peoples and the ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights to lands, resources, and sovereignty. Twenty years since his last major Canadian solo show, “Unceded Territories” will demonstrate the progression of Yuxweluptun’s artistry and ideas through hard-hitting, polemical, but also playful artworks that span his remarkable 30- year career, featuring a selection of brand-new works exhibited publicly for the first time.

**9:30 am** Coffee and a muffin at the Museum  
**10:00 am** Tours begin  
**Cost:** \$25.00 per person, estimated at time of printing  
**Parking:** Car pooling recommended. Pay parking is available at the Museum and nearby  
**Registration:** August 11th and September 13th PROBUS meetings—see registration form below

### Registration Form

1. Make cheques for \$25.00 per person, payable to the **PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER**.
2. Mail Registration form and payment – **only \$25 per person** to: Chris Lay, 3158 West 31st Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6L 2A6. Email: [chris\\_lay@telus.net](mailto:chris_lay@telus.net)
3. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATION IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.**
4. Remember - you will not be registered until payment is received.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_

To check that you are registered, go to the Activities section of the website.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
**THE PRESIDENTS’ LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ARBUTUS CLUB**  
**WITH UJJAL DOSANJH AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER.**  
**WATCH FOR FULL DETAILS IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**