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ALTERNATIVE ORIENTATION BOOKLET

**resisting the
university**

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the social justice centre &
the women's centre

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LAND

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This booklet was created on the traditional, unceded, ancestral, and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwx-wú7mesh (Squamish), and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. This booklet is authored by social justice-oriented and decolonizing groups at UBC and in our local community, and edited by the UBC Social Justice Centre and Women's Centre. We recognize our complicity in the settler colonial project as a majority non-Indigenous group of students, and strive to organize in a way that honours this and upholds the sovereignty of all Indigenous peoples.

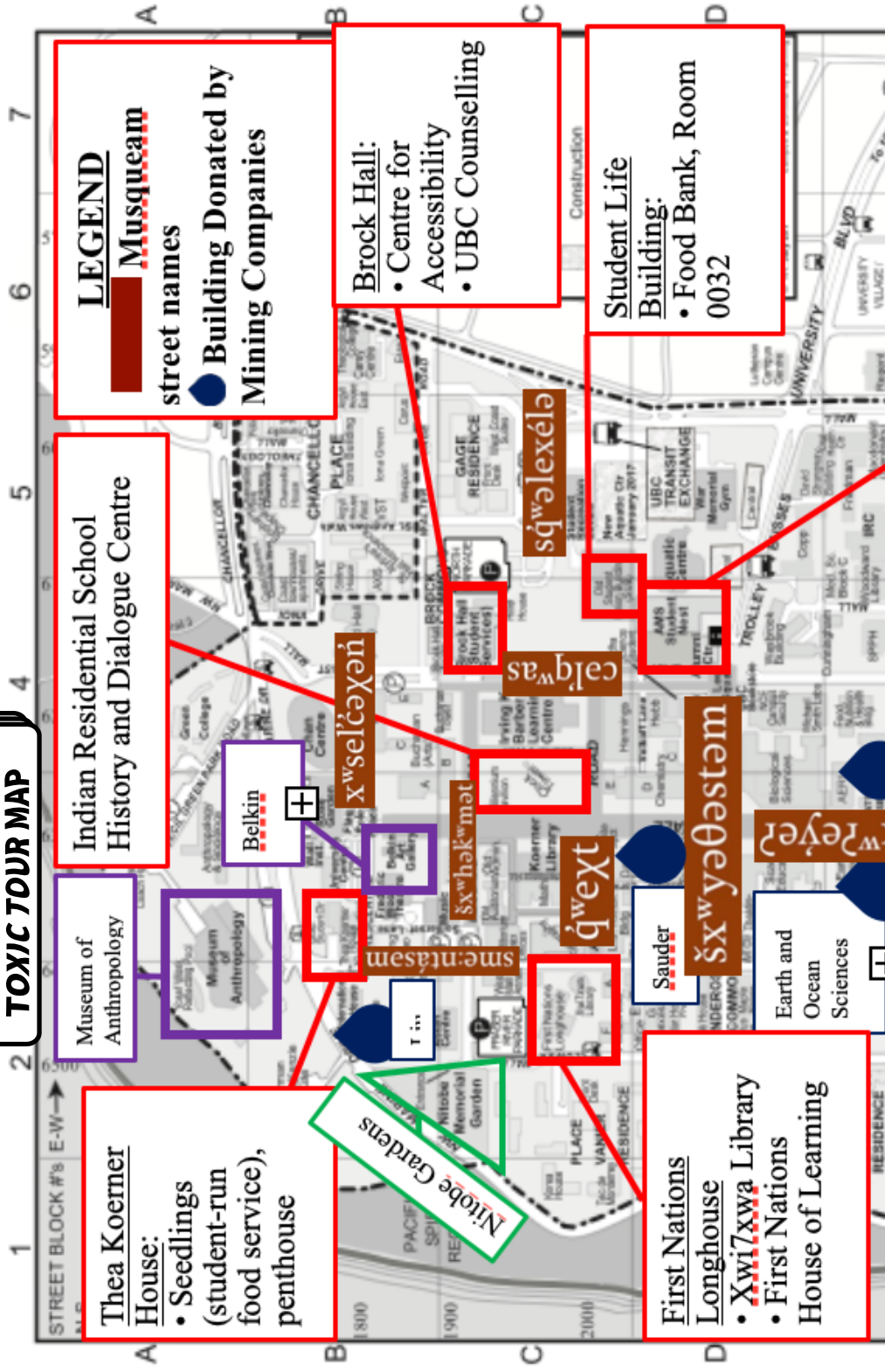
In this alternative orientation package, we aim to provide a map for the engagement of incoming and returning students and community members of UBC, especially since youth and students are commonly written off as apolitical and apathetic. Through this alternative orientation, we provide a platform for student movements and innovative groups to reach out to the UBC community. Everyone has a place and role in working towards a more just world. Where do you see yourself fit? What needs to change for our space to fit you?

UBC is a vibrant community of organizers and activists, and what follows is our attempt to showcase some of this. It is important to note that many projects and groups exist beyond what is presented in this booklet --there is so much to discover, it would be futile to claim exhaustiveness here.

As members of university community who experience a broad diversity of intersecting oppressions, it is important that our movements recognize the importance of building alliances and solidarities. This booklet is an embodiment of these move-

ment-to-movement bridges. We need to work together where we can.

The university and the university community is complicit in many of the systems of oppressions and violences they create, which we are trying to bring to light and fight to dismantle through our collective organizing. In particular, Indigenous peoples are disproportionately and most often on the frontlines of these violences and resistances. We must reflect upon how our presence works to preserve a settler colonial status quo, and we must listen to our Indigenous comrades for ways we can act and organize as allies, for ways we can center Indigenous voices in the movement to decolonize the university, and for way we can be allies to Indigenous resurgence. We want to recognize that youth and student movements have not always been inclusive, and often continue to exclude most marginalized communities, especially Indigenous folks, people of colour, women, queer, trans and non-binary folks, folks with disabilities, others, and particularly where these identities overlap and intersect. We must continuously act to resist and reverse this trend.



AMS NEST:

- **Speakeasy & Vice**
Room 3125A
- **Sexual Assault**
Support Centre,
Room 3127
- **Sprouts** (student-
run food service)
- **Resource Centre,**
Room 2102



UBC Farm:

- **Mayan Garden**
- **Indigenous**
Initiatives

**UBC Botanical
Gardens**

**Beatty
Biodiversity**

**Norman B.
Keenil Institute
of Mining**

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MUSQUEAM NATION

INTRODUCTION

x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam)

The x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) people have been here as long as there has been land to live upon. We have lived in the area of our present location for thousands of years, and our traditional territory occupies what is now Vancouver and surrounding areas. Some of our sɣ^wəyəm (ancient histories) describe the landscape as it was over eight thousand years ago.

The name Musqueam relates back to the flowering plant, məθk^wəyə, which grows in the Fraser River estuary. There is a sɣ^wəyəm that has been passed on from generation to generation that explains how we became known as the x^wməθk^wəyəm – People of the məθk^wəyə plant.

We are traditional hənqəminəm speaking people. We have always moved throughout our traditional territory using the resources it provides for fishing, hunting, trapping and gathering. Today, we are a strong, growing community of over 1,300 members. We live on a small portion of our traditional territory, known as the Musqueam Indian Reserve, located south of Marine Drive near the mouth of the Fraser River. Despite the devastating impacts of residential schools, colonial laws banning our ceremonies, and other attempts to assimilate our people, we have remained strong and distinct. Our lands and waters continue to support our cultural and economic practices while serving as a source of knowledge and memory, encoded with our teachings and laws.

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UBC's COLONIALITY

Ongoing histories of colonialism, neoliberalism, and imperial capitalism have influenced the role of institutions like universities. Universities are an example of an institution that has been shaped by these socio-political systems, but have also historically contributed to their dominance.

In being part of a university community, we invite you to reflect on how this space and the knowledge production that occurs within it manufacture hegemony and uphold systems of oppression – UBC is complicit in perpetuating imperial and colonial violence, both locally and globally.

Locally, these systems dispossess Indigenous nations, specifically the hən̓q̓əmin̓əŋ speaking xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) peoples, for example through UBC's 1922 'Great Trek' that demanded Musqueam land for the UBC campus. They also act to determine which bodies and which ideas are present, visible, and welcomed in and amongst university spaces.

Globally, UBC's is part of a hegemonic system that contributes to widespread violence against marginalized communities. For example, as we will delve into later, the resource extraction industry has a palpable presence on the UBC campus --especially since the creation of CIRDI (Canadian International Resource and Development Institute, formerly Canadian International Institute for Extractive Industries and Development). Further, as part of the Association of Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy, UBC also is complicit in the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope on the sacred site of Mauna Kea. Through its affiliations, the University is complicit in the dispossession of Indigenous peoples.

As members of the UBC community we are also complicit in the violences that the University upholds (to varying degrees). We invite you to reflect on your positionality and your experiences on this campus, and we call you in to join the myriad spaces of resistance and decolonization, both on and off this campus.

RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

Having a rough time with your feels? Big Life Events interfering with your ability to meet school deadlines during or by the end of a semester? Disabilities or ongoing health issues making it tricky to do school in your current class format? CARVE OUT SPACE IN YOUR LIFE TO LOOK AFTER YOU and get some support. <3

A few gentle reminders

- ✕ figuring out your limits + learning how to respect them = better overall health/learning

- ✕ you aren't your grades, and a failed exam/class isn't the end of the world. you'll be fine.

- ✕ literally every human needs help and care from others--we're social creatures! don't let competitiveness, perfectionism, or the desire to curate a particular image interfere with your wellbeing and connections w/ other people :)

- ✕ whether you're having a little or a lot of a rough time, there are people with the skills and availability and willingness to help!

Institutional Support

1. contact your professor or TA. they usually don't bite, and you are allowed to ask for extensions
2. visit your department's academic advising to talk about your options and/or get formal academic concession*
3. make an appointment with the UBC Centre for Accessibility if you are in need of ongoing academic accommodation** (ie if it's less of a one-off thing)

*Academic concessions are generally granted when students are

facing:

- ✕ conflicting responsibilities e.g. religious observances, military duty, conferences
- ✕ unforeseen events e.g. a mental or physical health issue or family emergency

****Academic accommodation:**

- ✕ for folks with chronic health issues, mental health conditions, neurological and physical/sensory disabilities
- ✕ some things the Centre can provide: letters of accommodation for you to give to profs, quiet space/extended time for exams, alternative formats for academic material and assessment, class notes, etc.
- ✕ requires more effort initially to get set up than academic concessions, but after registering it's easier to get ongoing assistance

More Supports

1. talk to a peer (friends, SpeakEasy, residence advisor, older students/student leaders, club members, VICE, the SASC)
2. talk to a professional (UBC counselling, VICE, the SASC, EmpowerMe—online/in person counsellors available to talk 24/7, covered by AMS plan)
3. take a lighter course load if you can/need to (it's not a race! 5 years is the new 4?) or at least find ways to integrate joyful things into your life that aren't school

be kind to yourself, you matter very much.

TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE EXPANSION

The Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project is a proposed project that would twin the existing 65 year old Kinder Morgan pipeline, which runs from Edmonton (Treaty 6 Lands) to Vancouver (Coast Salish territories). The project would triple the pipeline's capacity to deliver bitumen to Vancouver to 890,000 barrels of oil per day - enough to fill 20 Olympic sized swimming pools with oil every day - and would result in a seven-fold increase in tanker traffic.

The project has been met with intense opposition from Indigenous nations, as well as municipalities, which resulted in Kinder Morgan suspending construction and threatening to stop the project. The project was proposed close to 7 years ago, and has been mired in many court challenges, one of which overturned the government's approval of the pipeline. Since then, the federal government has purchased the 65-year old pipeline, and has re-conducted the approval process to again approve the project. Trans Mountain plans to begin construction as soon as possible and begin operations in 2022.

Trans Mountain has also elicited protests from thousands of people, and the struggle continues, with resistance against the pipeline taking place on multiple fronts: Tiny House Warriors are building houses in the way of the pipeline in Secwepemc territories (interior B.C.), and Protect the Inlet and the Mountain Protectors assert a presence at the Kwekewcnewtxw Watch House, a traditional Tsleil-Waututh structure built since time immemorial to watch over enemies. The resistance at the Watch House has seen around 300 arrests, with folks arrested facing up to 28 days in prison. The Watch House continues to be a place of resistance

and protest, but also a place of living ceremony, community, healing, compassion, love and beauty in the face of the ongoing colonial violence of extraction and dispossession - the Watch House embodies Indigenous resurgence.

GET INVOLVED

There are many groups doing work against the Trans Mountain pipeline. On campus, these include the Social Justice Centre and UBCC350. Currently, the resistance is being spear-headed by the Mountain Protectors, whose stalwart surveillance and organizing have ensured continual resurgence.

Join the movement! Stand in solidarity with Indigenous nations! Resist Canada's neocolonial extractivism! Decolonize! No pipelines on stolen Native lands! Water is Life!

DEBUNKING LIES & MYTHS ABOUT PIPELINES AND ANTI-PIPELINE STRUGGLES

Pipeline proponents continually rely on demonstrably false assumptions to justify the pipeline. These include:

Lies about economic benefits

Lie: the pipeline will generate thousands of jobs in BC and Alberta.

Truth: employment benefits are greatly exaggerated because Trans Mountain effectively fabricated their data. Trans Mountain is expected to only create 90 permanent jobs across Alberta and BC.

Lie: Canadian oil companies are losing money when selling bitumen to the US, and would make more money if they could sell to Asia due to a 'Asian price premium'.

Truth: Actually, there is no 'Asian price premium,' and there is no currently existing market in Asia for diluted bitumen. In fact, the places most suited to refining diluted bitumen are in the US, where the oil is currently being sold with comparable prices to

diluted bitumen from Mexico, thus without an unfair discount.

Lie: The economic benefits from the pipeline are necessary because the taxes from the project will support a transition away from fossil fuels.

Truth: Besides the obvious contradiction of supporting green energy through ongoing investments in fossil fuels (that Trudeau could have done by not paying \$4.6 billion for a pipeline), the pipeline is very unlikely to be profitable and won't cover the cost of its purchase and interest payments.

Lies about environmental costs and benefits:

Lie: There is only a miniscule chance of a worst-case oil spill, and that even in that event, the negative impacts are temporary and the ecosystem will return to its current state eventually.

Truth: Actually, an oil spill has a 79-87% likelihood of occurring within the next 50 years in the Salish Sea if the pipeline is built. This would devastate the coastal ecosystem, killing coastal birds, fish, shellfish, orcas and other beings. This impacts the cultural and spiritual practices of coastal Nations, and could also expose up to 1 million residents to toxic air emissions.

Lie: The pipeline's emissions and contributions to climate change are greatly underestimated, and were not really taken into account in its approval.

Truth: The National Energy Board and the federal government continually refuse to acknowledge the upstream and downstream emissions of the pipeline, and are locking us into decades of fossil fuel use, even though the IPCC has stated that we only have 12 years to prevent runaway climate change. The government is effectively demonstrating that they don't care about the impacts of climate change and won't take emissions reduction seriously.

The lie that the government has fulfilled its duty to consult with Indigenous nations and that the majority of Indigenous nations are on board

Truth: Though some Indigenous Nations (over 40) have signed mutual benefit agreements with Trans Mountain, many others have expressed concern about the pipeline's negative impacts on cultural and spiritual sites and practices, economies, and subsistence. Some nations have also indicated that they plan on suing the federal government again.

Truth: If not all nations give their free, prior and informed consent to the pipeline, then this does not uphold the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and this is not reconciliation.

These lies all build to the myth that the pipeline expansion project is in the public interest. In approving the pipeline a second time, the NEB and the federal government have once again proven that they are mistaking corporate interest for public interest and are failing to hear our voices. The pipeline can't be in the public interest because it violates UNDRIP and ignores Indigenous jurisdiction and sovereignty. The pipeline can't be in the public interest because it will likely cause the extinction of the Southern Resident Killer Whales, and it has the potential to collapse coastal ecosystems when (not if) an oil spill occurs. It can't be in the public interest because it purports to support workers and families but in fact guarantees less than 100 people a long-term job. It can't be in the public interest because it locks us in to decades of fossil fuel use and the ever-worsening wildfires, droughts, heat waves, storms and floods associated with climate change. And because it is not in the public interest, this pipeline will never be built.

SUBSTANCE USE & HARM REDUCTION Q&A

Q: What is harm reduction?

A: When discussed in relation to substance use, harm reduction refers to a range of strategies for keeping folks safe by reducing the potential harms associated with the consumption of various drugs – including, but not limited to, alcohol, stimulants (ecstasy, cocaine, amphetamines, etc.), and opioids (heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone, etc.). This approach is explicitly non-judgemental, non-prescriptive, and non-punitive. In other words, harm reduction recognizes that substance use is not a moral issue, that different people need different supports, and that folks who use substances deserve opportunities to make choices about what is best for their bodies in safe and supportive environments.

Q: What are some practical harm reduction strategies that I can use to keep myself and/or members of my community feeling safe and supported if using substances?

A: While abstaining entirely from the use of non-prescription substances is the most reliable way to prevent substance-related harms, this is not a feasible option for everyone. Practical strategies that people who use substances can use to reduce harms, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Eat food and drink water both before and during substance use.
- Avoid mixing substances. Using alcohol, prescription medication(s), and other drug(s) at the same time can result in unintended and possibly dangerous interactions.
- Do not use alone! It is safer to use substances with people that you know and trust. In case of emergency, it is best if at least one

person stays alert when others are using.

Do not share pipes, needles, or other equipment. Always use sterilized equipment.

Learn how to recognize the signs of and respond to an overdose. Consider obtaining and learning how to use a Take Home Naloxone (THN) kit, which can be used to temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

Know the source of your substances! But also keep in mind that knowing your dealer does not equate to knowing the ingredient makeup of your substances – it is likely that even your dealer may not know this.

Plan ahead! If possible, decide in advance when and where you will use a substance, how much you will use (starting with a moderate dose is always safer), who you will get it from, etc. Consider getting your drugs tested for contaminants prior to use – this can be done for free at Get Your Drugs Tested (880 East Hastings Street), Foundry Vancouver-Granville (1260 Granville Street), and Vancouver Coastal Health overdose prevention and supervised consumption sites.

Q: If I suspect that someone has overdosed, should I call 911?

A: Yes! If you suspect that someone has overdosed, it is imperative to seek emergency medical help immediately. As naloxone typically wears off in 20-90 minutes and can only temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, it is important to call 911 even if naloxone has been administered. Under the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, anyone who is present when help arrives at the site of an overdose is protected from simple drug possession charges as well as charges for violating court conditions when the only charge was simple possession. However, the act does not protect people at the scene of an overdose from charges or arrest if they are in possession of illegal substances with the intent to sell, are in the act of committing an offense other than simple possession when help arrives, are violating court conditions related to any charge other than simple possession, or have an outstanding warrant for their arrest. It is best if

you can stay with the person experiencing an overdose until help arrives.

Q: Why should I care about substance use and harm reduction?

A: According to public health data, over 10,000 people living in Canada have died from opioid-related overdoses since 2016, with large numbers occurring in BC. Indigenous and low-income communities – both of which continue to face over-policing, resource scarcity, and other forms of state-sanctioned violence – are disproportionately affected by this crisis, highlighting that harms related to substance use are intensified by social inequality. By emphasizing individual agency, compassionate care, and the necessity of equal access to safe environments and a wide range of supports, as opposed to criminalizing and otherwise stigmatizing people who use substances, harm reduction measures help improve health outcomes for communities made vulnerable by the intersecting impacts of colonialism, racism, ableism, queerphobia, poverty, and/or other forms of systemic oppression.

To learn more about harm reduction and access resources, check out

HARM REDUCTION COALITION

(<https://harmreduction.org/>)

TOWARD THE HEART

(<https://towardtheheart.com/>)

KARMIK

(<https://www.karmik.ca/>)

AMS VICE (

<https://www.ams.ubc.ca/student-services/vice/>;
located in room 3125A in the AMS Student Nest)

GREEN NEW DEAL

The 2019 Federal Election is only a month away, and the stakes have never been higher.

Despite the lofty promises of our political leaders, global temperatures continue to climb toward disastrous levels. White supremacy and border protectionism are on the rise worldwide, and blue-collar workers are taking the financial hit as the fossil fuel industry destabilizes.

We know that a 4-degree increase in global temperatures is not a climate plan that works for our generation. We know that climate change is a racial issue, a migrant issue, and a labour issue. And we know that it is long past time for empty rhetoric and middle-of-the-road solutions. Young people from across Turtle Island are rising up and demanding a Green New Deal for Canada — one that matches the scale of the crisis we face, and one that leaves no vulnerable community behind.

What is the Green New Deal?

The Green New Deal is a bold vision to tackle climate change and inequality together. It's a plan to deal with climate change at the scale that science, and justice, demand. A Green New Deal for Canada would achieve a transition to 100% renewable energy, ensure free public transit and housing as a human right, create decent jobs for all so that no worker is left behind, centre justice for migrants, the racialized, the poor, and the disabled, and uphold the right of Indigenous nations to sovereignty over their own lands.

VOTING RIGHTS

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

In order to vote, you must be 18 years or older, and a Canadian citizen.

There are five different ways to vote in the federal election

- ✗ Vote on election day
- ✗ Vote at your advance poll
- ✗ Vote at the UBC advance poll from October 5th - October 9th
- ✗ Vote at any Elections Canada office
- ✗ Vote by mail (note: in order to do this, you must complete an Application for Registration and Special Ballot.)

What riding should I vote in?

From October 5th to 9th, there will be a campus-specific polling station at UBC. At this time, if you are a student, you will be able to cast your ballot anywhere in the country based on your photo I.D. and a bill with your residence.

At regular advance polls and on Election Day, you have to vote in the district where you currently reside.

In order to vote, you must be registered. You can register in advance at <https://www.elections.ca/homeGE.aspx>, or at your polling place, just before you vote.

In order to register, you have to prove your identity and address. There are three ways to do this:

- ✗ Show one piece of ID with your photo, name, and current address (ie. a driver's license)
- ✗ Show two pieces of ID. Both must have your name, and at least one must have your current address (ie. voter information card, student ID card, bank statement).

✕ If you don't have ID, you can declare your identity and address in writing and have someone who knows you and who is assigned to your polling station vouch for you. The voucher must be able to prove their identity and address.

More information about how and where to vote can be found at **www.elections.ca**.

RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM AT UBC: FROM HATE SPEECH TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS

On the Students Against Bigotry website, there is a timeline titled “The Recent History of Hate at UBC.” This timeline makes it clear that there has been a sharp increase in hateful and discriminatory events at UBC in recent years — and that the university’s administration is complicit.

To begin with, there are shameful incidents such as the public humiliation of Black graduate student Shelby McPhee, the interruption of an international conference on missing and murdered Indigenous women, and a visit by a neo-Nazi during a reptile expo.

Then, there are groups like the Free Speech Club and UBC Students for Freedom of Expression that regularly act to make campus even less safe for marginalized people. They include anti-feminist men’s rights activists, anti-immigrant Yellow Vest organizers, proto-fascist Trump fanboys, and even a former campaign manager for the racist People’s Party of Canada.

These groups work to legitimize long-disproven pseudo-ideas and normalize hate speech by platforming incendiary speakers. Jordan Peterson, for example, spoke at UBC three times within a span of just 16 months. Other guests include an assortment of even more anti-Indigenous, Islamophobic, transphobic, misogynist, and white supremacist characters, from Ricardo Duchesne to Ben Shapiro to Jenn Smith.

The so-called Free Speech Club also tried to bring right-wing extremists Stefan Molyneux and Lauren Southern to UBC’s Chan

Centre this past March, but the newly formed Students Against Bigotry and other groups worked together to have their event moved off campus — then shut down altogether.

How does university president Santa J. Ono and the rest of the administration respond to these events? It generally ranges from ignoring our concerns altogether to explicitly defending hate speech. They issue flippant, confused statements that sometimes contradict each other and often conflict with official university policy. They tell us to go complain to the RCMP and they conflate freedom of speech with academic freedom.

In short, as one letter published in The Talon put it, “I accuse UBC of complicity with fascists.”

Thankfully, the rest of the Vancouver community has joined SAB in taking a strong stance against this complicity. For example, the Vancouver Pride Society banned UBC from the 2019 Pride Parade for hosting Smith.

Still, all those past guests pale in comparison to who the university plans to host — permanently — starting in early 2020: UBC recently announced a partnership with Amazon to create a “Cloud Innovation Centre” on campus.

Yes, Amazon. The same Amazon that has made Jeff Bezos the richest person in modern history by ruthlessly exploiting workers. The same Amazon that sells visual recognition software to police that discriminates against people of color. And the same Amazon that now works with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to terrorize immigrants, separate families, and run concentration camps in the US.

Our opposition to right-wing extremism at UBC must include opposition to this morally indefensible partnership with Amazon. We hope you’ll join us in making sure it doesn’t happen!

UBC AND MINING VIOLENCE

Canada has strong ties to the mining industry: 75% of the world's mining companies are headquartered in Canada. Vancouver has become a haven for these mining companies, with 70% of Canadian mining companies - around 1200 companies - based out of the "green" city of Vancouver.

These mining companies perpetuate violent systems of extraction, resulting in human rights abuses, including sexual violence, intimidation and murder of land defenders - mining is among the most deadly of industries for land defenders. Mining also contaminates lands and waters, damaging plant and animal lives and agricultural systems, as well as spiritual and cultural relationships. Mining also generally occurs without consent from Indigenous peoples, resulting in dispossession and displacement of Indigenous people that perpetuates systems of colonialism and imperialism. Violence is displaced elsewhere, while Vancouver and mining executives profit.

UBC is also complicit in this system, as the institution takes millions of dollars in donations from the mining industry (see the toxic tour) and has strong institutional ties to mining companies that influence education and research at UBC - UBC both sustains and is sustained by insidious webs that constitute the mining industry. UBC also houses the Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI), a think-tank created to support mining interests. CIRDI promotes mining as development aid, and lobbies in countries of the Global South to reform mining laws to make them beneficial to mining companies, rather than affected communities. Indeed, CIRDI has no connection to communities affected by mining, most of whom do not consent to mining development projects.

In espousing Canadian knowledge on mining as, UBC grants legitimacy to CIRDI and contributes to promoting a view of Canadian exceptionalism as a justification for the violence of imperialism, colonialism, and extraction.

We invite you to question, challenge, and resist UBC's complicity in mining violence and to demand more accountability regarding the projects housed within and supported by the institution. We hope that engaging in discussions of mining can help us to think about what it means to be on this campus that profits off of mining and dispossession. We think that reflecting on where we are, grounding our learning in the lived environments, can provide grounds for hope and can help us to gesture towards alternative futurities.

Get involved:

Join Students for Mining Justice!

Check out: stoptheinstitute.ca for more information

TA UNION

CUPE 2278 is the union that represents UBC and UNBC Teaching Assistants, Tutors, Markers, and Instructors in the English Language Institute (ELI).

2019 will be a big year for us, since we will be negotiating a new collective agreement to ensure members get better pay and better working conditions. This is a big undertaking, and we need all help we can find! If you are a TA or marker and want to get involved, don't hesitate to reach out. We want many perspectives working together to help make sure we get the best deal possible.

There are many ways to get involved. You could become a department representative. This is a very important position as it is the way to ensure that the interests of your colleagues are represented. We also need more people to take on active roles in the union. We have open positions on the executive committee, and have subcommittees on a variety of equity and employment topics. We are always looking to hear from those passionate about improving the working conditions of their colleagues. It's never too late to get involved. Come lend us your skills! If you would like to get involved, please contact: president@cupe2278.ca.

We also have a full-time staff member whose job it is help you understand the collective agreement, hear about difficulties in your department, and help you gracefully work out solutions to workplace problems. You can contact them at: advocate@cupe2278.ca.

Here is a link to the CUPE2278 website: <https://cupe2278.ca/>
Our current collective agreement can be found here: <https://cupe2278.ca/services/bargaining/quick-guide-and-collective-agreement/>

Follow us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/cupe2278/>

RESOURCE GROUPS

The resource groups are a part of your student union (the AMS) yet we function autonomously from the elected government, as a check to their decisions and to empower and organize for students who face marginalization and oppression. We try to be compassionately critical of the university, our community, and the AMS in working towards a more socially just learning environment locally, regionally and globally. The resource groups are a community that includes:

- ✕ Women's Centre
- ✕ Pride Collective
- ✕ Neurodiverse Pathfinders
- ✕ Student Environment Centre
- ✕ Colour Connected Against Racism
- ✕ Social Justice Centre

We are often working together as a collective, building connections and allyships across our diverse initiatives.

Come find us at in our offices, or in the resource lounge, at the 2nd floor of the nest, in the northwest corner of the building (Room 203). We also host the Free Store and Out on Shelves, a free library. The door is always open.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTRE

The Social Justice Centre is a resource group that works toward progressive social change, inclusivity, and equity through a survivor-centric, harm reduction, radical, feminist, decolonial, anti-oppression framework. We operate through horizontal structures and consensus-based decision-making to engage students in and provide tools for activism, and to promote discussions of social justice issues. We invite you to join our radical imaginings and work with us to enact alternative futures based on resistance, relationships, reciprocity, community, trust, love, allyship, and solidarity.

We meet weekly in the resource lounge to discuss our projects and organizing on and off campus. We welcome you to drop in to chat, learn, exchange, contribute and get involved. Check us out on Facebook (UBC Social Justice Centre) or shoot us an email (socialjusticecentre.ubc@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Women's Centre exists to support anybody of the UBC community and beyond who share intersecting histories of sexual and colonial violence, classism, ableism, racism, homophobia, transphobia (and so on). Specifically, we exist to support anybody that has faced gender-based oppression and has experienced, will experience, or is experiencing womanhood. Its Coordinators recognize that patriarchy is only one (important) aspect of an interlocking system of power and oppression, that safe spaces are not guaranteed, and that continual efforts to maintain openness, respect, and honesty are crucial for anti-oppressive organizing and ways of relating to one another.

The Centre strives to provide a space for community-building, discussion, sharing, and resistance. We offer couches, brochures (with information about resources), event posters, menstrual products, safer sex products, pregnancy tests, a library of feminist literature, microwave, food, and kettle. We also offer consciousness raising sessions, as well as various community events.

THE PRIDE COLLECTIVE

The Pride Collective is a non-hierarchical organization, we invite all members of the LGBTQIA2S+ (and their respectful ally friends) to hang out in the Pride Lounge whenever the nest is open. One need not be a UBC student to be a member of the Pride Collective. We work hard to keep our lounge a safe hangout/study space for all members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Specifically, we aim to make our space safe for Two Spirit, BIPOC, ace, intersex, and trans members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. We

are committed to a decolonial, anti-oppressive, intersectional feminist, and collective philosophy. Our goal is to centre these values in all of the outreach work that we do.

We run weekly discussion groups where we socialise with friends, offer solidarity and support, share resources, and sometimes offer snacks. The discussion groups that we run include Trans and Gender Identities (TaGI), Ace Space, People Lover's Weekly (PLoW), and many others. An updated list of our discussion groups can be found on our website: <http://www.prideubc.com>, or on our facebook page @prideubc. If you identify as queer but don't feel like one of our discussion groups fits, feel free to pitch one to us -- as long as a discussion group upholds our values and you're willing to facilitate it, we're always open to one more. If you're new to Pride, and not sure where to start, our weekly social dinner "On the QT" is the place for you!

In order to keep all members of our community safe, we do firmly ask that anything shared within our discussion groups remain within the discussion groups. This includes sharing who attended, names and pronouns used during these meetings, etc.. Additionally, we ask that these meetings only be attended by those who identify with, or are questioning, the identities discussed during the meetings. Discussion groups are the only time when the door to the Pride Lounge will be closed.

NEURODIVERSE PATHFINDERS

Neurodiverse Pathfinders is a Resource Group focusing on building a safe space for neurodiverse students, in the form of both our physical office space (open to members) and more metaphorically by fostering a community of people that support each other, encourage personal growth, and aid in navigating the issues faced by disabled students at UBC and in the world at large. On the latter front, we seek to advocate for neurodiverse and disabled students with the support of the other Resource Groups and the AMS.

You can find us at our website <http://ndpathfinders.weebly.com>.

COLOUR CONNECTED AGAINST RACISM (CCAR)

Colour Connected Against Racism is an AMS resource group located on the occupied, unceded, traditional, and ancestral territories of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the *skwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *sel'íl'witulh* (Tsleil-Waututh), and *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) nations. CCAR (Colour Connected Against Racism) is determined to ensure that the University of British Columbia is a multicultural hub for people of colour.

CCAR's objective is to promote multiculturalism and a fight against racism on campus. This objective is being done through hosting multicultural events and informative events promoting a fight against social issues such as the Israeli apartheid, racism in the West, and growing Islamophobia. Currently, CCAR is working on an international musicians showcasing where musicians from all cultures, ethnicities, and races will showcase their respective musical talents. Additionally, CCAR is committed towards creating alliances with those who support our objective and creating a campus that is equitable to all students of colour. We invite you to check out our Facebook page (Colour Connected Against Racism UBC) or email us at: colourconnectedubc@gmail.com

STUDENT ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

The Student Environment Centre is a group of students passionate about the environment and sustainability around campus and Vancouver and beyond. We provide resources in the form of funding, promotion and program assistance to students, groups and clubs across campus and the community to support sustainable projects and events. We are further involved in various initiatives in partnership with other environmentally-focused organisations that critically examine the interactions between humans and the environment, and drive consciousness and positive change within our society regarding the climate, the earth and nature. We have a weekly newsletter during the school year with information about events around campus and the community with sustainable focuses.

We also manage the UBC Free Store, an ongoing circular economy project promoting the reuse of all types of items that remain functional but need a new home. All people are welcome to be part of the give and take (or donate and adopt) of items such as school supplies, clothing, household items and more using the UBC Free Store as the space to do this. No money or trade is required in this anonymous and welcoming space. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/ubcfreestore/> for more information or to reach out to us. Feel free to email ubcfreestore@gmail.com to reach out as well.

We are open to all people to join us as members to take part in deciding and organizing funding and events throughout the year. You can email us at sec.ubc@gmail.com and find more information on our website at <https://secubc.com/>. Throughout the school year we have weekly meetings in the Resource Centre Lounge, with times and dates that will be posted on our website.

SASC | SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT CENTRE |

Established in 2002, the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) is committed to the education, support and empowerment of anyone affected by sexualized violence.

campus resources

As an intersectional and anti-violence organization, no one is turned away regardless of their gender identity, the type of violence experienced, or their legal status.

We provide crisis/short term emotional support, legal, medical, and campus-related advocacy and accompaniment, support in accessing accommodations and concessions.

The SASC offers various resources including:

- ✕ Free education and outreach
- ✕ Volunteer programs
- ✕ Safer sex and menstrual products
- ✕ Community lending library
- ✕ Healthier Masculinities program including a men's circle, volunteer program and events.

The work we do at the SASC is inextricably linked and indebted to the ongoing struggle against violence in all its forms - against patriarchy, colonialism and supremacy. The SASC believes and acknowledges that sexualized violence cannot be removed from these systems of oppression. This belief informs all that we do.

In June 2018, the SASC support services faced the threat of closure by the AMS, but thanks to our community of allies, this decision was later reversed. The same community eventually voted for the passing of a referendum in March 2019 that increased our funding, thus stabilizing our services. Our work is inextricably tied to your support, thank you to all of you who have advocated for us, in whatever capacity.

The SASC is located on the unceded, ancestral and traditional lands of the Musqueam Nation. We are on the 3rd floor of the AMS Student Nest, and our hours are 8 am-10 pm.



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BIKE KITCHEN

ATTEND A PROGRAM OR WORKSHOP VOLUNTEER

✕ Women & Queer Night takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6pm - 9pm.

✕ LGBTQ2I+ Night takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6pm - 9pm.

We offer beginner, introductory and intermediate workshops throughout the year. All of our workshops are as low-cost as possible. Can't afford the workshop fee? We'll waive it.

VOLUNTEER

Help us build bikes for folks who would benefit from access to transportation. Our Bici Libre program builds bikes for migrant farm workers in the Fraser Valley. Pedals for the People provides free

» bikes to low-income community members.

Help us build and maintain bikes for our Purple + Yellow campus bike share. If you volunteer for 6 hours, you get a free Bike Kitchen membership. If you volunteer for another 6 hours, you get a key to the bike share. There are no usage fees for our bike share — it's completely free to use after you volunteer for 12 hours.

thebikekitchen.com

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INDIGENITY

FNSSA



FNSSA is a student-run club on the unceded, ancestral and occupied territories of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ speaking xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) peoples, the People of the River Grass for First Nations and Indigenous Studies students, and for anyone interested or passionate about Indigenous issues and decolonization. Our goal is to provide an accessible, inclusive, and safe space for all students to come together to learn, discuss, socialize and organize decolonial events. Unlike other academic clubs on campus, FNSSA has an open-door policy, we don't require an application or resume to get involved. If you want to be a part of FNSSA, in whatever capacity, with whatever time commitment (or lack-there-of), we will find or create a spot for you. If you are interested in getting involved, send us an email at fnssa.ubc@gmail.com.

JFPW

xʷnaʔəlməxʷ sɣəxi:ls, the Journal of First People's Writing (JFPW) is an open access, student-run, and peer-reviewed undergraduate journal created by students at the University of British Columbia. JFPW publishes academic and creative submissions by students from across Turtle Island, and is edited on the unceded, ancestral and occupied territories of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ speaking xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) peoples, the People of the River Grass. If you would like to make a submission for our 2020 edition, or you are interested in getting involved as an editor please email firstpeopleswriting@gmail.com, or visit www.firstpeopleswriting.com

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE



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The Indigenous Leadership Collective is a group of ambitious Arts student who self-identify as Indigenous. The ILC was created because Indigenous Arts students felt like there was a lack of or it was difficult to find an Indigenous community within the faculty. The group is dedicated to foster all types of leadership skills, as every individual expresses these skills in their own way. In the past, the Indigenous Leadership Collective facilitated or participated in culturally relevant activities that nourish Indigenous thought, practices and spiritually. In addition, the ILC has become a community for Indigenous Arts students to mobilize against the invasive and harmful colonial projects that the Trudeau government has been perpetuating or attempting to forcefully assemble on our lands. As Indigenous students, it often difficult to focus on studying while our communities are fighting against gendered colonialism and capitalism and the ILC provides support for all of us to work through our emotions together and continue to engage with dialogue that is so important for the deconstruction of these projects and mindsets, while also keeping up academically. The group is also focussed on academic achievements and we often study together.

ART & MEDIA

HATCH ART GALLERY



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ART GALLERY

The Hatch Art Gallery is UBC's only student-run exhibition space. Situated on the unceded, ancestral and traditional lands of the xwmə0-kwəy'əm (Musqueam), the Hatch aims to stimulate the exchange of art and ideas between artists, students and the public. Through dynamic exhibitions and programming, the Hatch seeks to present innovative projects on critical subjects relevant to larger discourses in contemporary art, visual culture, and theory. In addition to biweekly exhibitions, the Hatch also maintains and displays the AMS Permanent Collection, a growing collection of contemporary and historical Canadian art.

The 2019-2020 exhibition roster features shows that explore invisible labour within fine art institutions, hybrid immigrant identities and experiences of racialized queerness, and intersectional approaches to navigating landscape. One of our main curatorial projects this year is to take an experimental, self-reflexive approach to critically unpacking the legacy of the AMS Permanent Collection. Through public programs, workshops, and gallery interventions we look forward to activating the Collection and interrogating its past, present, and future. We identify that the Hatch Art Gallery and the AMS Permanent Collection are inherently tied to the history of power, colonization, and systemic violence that uphold art institutions, and that the dissemination of alternative, anti-oppressive art and ideas can provide opportunities to challenge hegemonic power structures and belief systems.

Visit us on the second floor of the NEST, Monday – Friday | 12:00 – 5:00pm



IGNITE

Ignite Journal is an academic platform for undergraduate students interested in engaging with interdisciplinary critical scholarship, and students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. We acknowledge that theory is, and has always been, an integral aspect of anti-oppression work. In this edition of Ignite, we aim to break the perceived activism-academia binary by recognizing critical scholarship as a form of consciousness raising - and the ways in which that in itself is a form of activism.

Additionally, we will be accepting applications for the Editorial Board until September 30th and encourage students of all backgrounds to apply.

Email us at ingiteunergraduatejournal@gmail.com for more information!

We are excited to be a part of the 2019 reignition!

THE TALON – UBC’S ALTERNATIVE STUDENT PRESS - THE TALON.CA

THE TALON

The Talon is operated by a horizontally-structured and consensus-driven editorial collective of current students who produce and publish content on the occupied, unceded, traditional, and ancestral territories of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the *sk̓wxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *sel’íl’witulh* (Tsleil-Waututh), and *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) nations. The Talon was established in the summer of 2014 to fill the void of critical, independent student media within the University of British Columbia context. Though the various members of the editorial collective have different interests and experiences, we are all dedicated to anti-op-

pression organizing and passionate about social change and justice. We also firmly believe that there is no such thing as true ‘journalistic objectivity’ – any publications claiming to lack an ideology are tacitly endorsing the status quo. Through The Talon, we aim to stimulate discussion centered on social justice and offer an accessible, critical perspective on local and global issues affecting UBC students and the greater community.

As we strive to be an anti-oppressive and responsive organization, we welcome any feedback you may have, including call-outs, concerns, critiques, questions and suggestions. For general enquiries, if you are interested in joining our editorial collective or volunteering, we can be reached by e-mail at talonubc@gmail.com. If you would like to learn more about participation opportunities and submission guidelines, please visit the submission page on our website, thetalon.ca/submissions/. While we try to reply to e-mails as quickly as possible, we are all busy students and we do receive a high volume of enquiries about The Talon. Thanks in advance for your patience!

Follow us on Twitter: @TalonUBC.

Like us on Facebook: The Talon UBC

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SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

STUDENTS FOR MINING JUSTICE

We are a group of law school graduate and undergraduate students working to bring awareness around mining injustices to UBC campus, and building a movement among youth, students and the university community around ending extractivism, resource imperialism and corporate unaccountability. We aim to highlight the role of our local, and national governments in allowing mining injustices to occur, and we act in support and solidarity with land defenders and water protectors worldwide. As Indigenous peoples, especially Indigenous women 2SQ and trans folks, are often on the frontlines of these resistance movements against violence and human rights abuses, we work to center the voices of these communities and individuals.

UBCC350



UBCC350 is a political climate action group that aims to use the power of collective action to promote climate justice. Through our campaigns, we advocate for government action on climate policy, political engagement, institutional climate leadership, environmental justice, and Indigenous sovereignty. We are committed to climate action on and off campus, and aspire to question the patriarchal, capitalist, and colonial system that perpetuates climate inaction and ensures that some communities dispropor-

tionately feel both the negative impacts of resource extraction industries, and those of climate change.

Our campaigns for the upcoming year include opposing the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion (through letter writing, rallies and fundraisers for legal challenges), continuing to advocate for UBC to divest from fossil fuels, and building the movement for a Green New Deal in Canada up to and beyond the 2019 Federal Election. For more information, contact ubcc350@gmail.com or check out our website ubcc350.org.

SPHR

Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) UBC had a strong presence on our campus for more than a decade. We are a social student-run organization and advocacy group, with our mandate being to uphold the rights and freedoms of the Palestinian people within and beyond Palestine in the face of human rights violations, and all forms of racism, discrimination, misinformation and misrepresentation – wrongs that we hope to right in whatever way we can through information workshops, cultural nights, and other social justice oriented actions in UBC and the Greater Vancouver community. We strive for justice for all indigenous peoples' rights to their lands and freedoms, from across the globe, with our specific focus of course being on Palestinians and Palestinian diaspora. We pride ourselves on our inclusivity and neverwavering mandate to always stand for human rights over everything else – to not be swayed by societal or corporate pressures who are not concerned with prioritizing human rights. Please visit our Facebook page for our events, and give us a message if you are interested in joining as an executive member or volunteer. We are always hiring, and look forward to strengthening our ties with the UBC community.

GRSJUA

The Gender, Race, Sexuality & Social Justice Undergrad Association is a space for GRSJ students and folks interested in social justice to plan events on campus, such as “Chatting over Choco-

lates,” and “What to do with your GRSJ Major/minor.” In April, we hold one of the largest student-led conferences at UBC called the F-Word, an intersectional feminist and anti-oppression conference that includes workshops from various grassroots organizations in the Vancouver area, student panels, and artwork. Visit our Facebook page for more information and meeting times @ GRSJ Undergrads.

VANCOUVER TENANTS UNION



The Vancouver Tenants Union (VTU) is committed to building a transformative movement for housing justice and housing rights for all people: people who do not own property, people who rent, people who do not have stable housing, people who are homeless. Our core values define us and all the actions we take, the policy change we pursue, and the revolution we create together. Our values as an organization include the following: housing as a human right; the rejection of corporate ownership and the support of initiatives like cooperative housing, land trusts and other alternatives to private ownership; opposition to displacement in the forms of gentrification, renovictions, rent increases, illegal evictions, and the tearing down of tent cities; the commitment to examining our values, tactics and strategies to align with real and deep decolonizing work; support for raising the welfare, pension and disability rates to a level where people can afford to live in their community, a higher minimum wage, and the campaign for a living wage; solidarity with tenants in other municipalities, provinces and communities experiencing the housing crisis and support for the founding of other tenants unions and resistance groups; and solidarity across movements as we work for a more just society.

Join the Vancouver Tenants Union and help us build this movement together. We are only as strong as our members are, and we need all hands-on deck to move us towards our goals. Our goals are to: oppose gentrification and resist the developer tide flooding our city; change policy at all levels of government to benefit tenants; create a force of tenants across all barriers and identities; empower tenants to organize and fight injustices to protect themselves from the threats, intimidation, and bribes that lead to the loss of their homes; connect and share resources and strategies with other organizations and groups who share common values and goals; and work to shift consciousness and public opinion on the challenges of living in this city as a tenant.

Find us at: <https://www.vancouvertenantsunion.ca/>

DOWN WITH RACIAL CAPITALISM

Down with racial capitalism is a decolonial economic justice movement, approaching the fight to end structural violence with a decolonial, global, critical and intersectional lens. In the spirit of Cedric Robinson's vision of horizontally organized, leaderless activism, we envision a horizontal leaderless movement akin to Black Lives Matter and Occupy (but minus the colonialist name) – a movement joining the calls for the return of all stolen land and resources to Indigenous peoples worldwide and the respecting of their sovereignty, as well as the call for reparations for displaced people of African descent. This a movement to hold Western governments and Western-favouring structures accountable for creating and maintaining poverty, racism and other interlocking systems of oppression. You can join our facebook group, Down with Racial Capitalism or email us at downwithracialcapitalism@gmail.com. We plan to hold monthly letter writing and petition-signing campaigns

STUDENTS AGAINST BIGOTRY



SAB was formed at UBC in early 2019 to address the unsafe and discriminatory atmosphere being fostered on our campus by the administration in collaboration with various ultra-conservative groups.

We are a grassroots student organization that builds community solidarity and engages in direct action. We aim to contribute to decolonization; educate ourselves and others according to the best available scholarship on pervasive social issues; and create a more just, equitable, and sustainable university, especially for members of historically marginalized groups.

UBC president Santa J. Ono will not act against hate speech or the rise of the far right on our campus.

But we will. Join us!



studentsagainstbigotry.org



facebook.com/ubcsab



[@ubc_students](https://twitter.com/ubc_students)



BLACK STUDENT UNION



The UBC Black Student Union aims to highlight and celebrate the multifaceted nature of Black identities, and to aid in the betterment of the lives of Black Students living in Vancouver and at UBC. Our mission is to create a community centred on Black UBC Students that is inclusive of age, sexuality, ability, colour, gender, and religion. Our mandate addresses the prioritization of the facilitation of safe spaces throughout campus, to foster community amongst and surrounding the UBCBSU. Finally advocacy for fair representation and to acknowledge, highlight and advocate for Black People.

Additionally, we are encouraging and accepting any and all applications for the roles of First Year Representative and Media and Marketing Coordinator! With our monthly general meetings, community events, socials and diverse range of panel talks we plan to take on the year with proactivity and inclusivity. We are excited to see you in the 2019-2020 academic year!

You can find us on our social media handles below:

Instagram: @ubcbsu

Twitter: @ubcbsu

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UBCBSU/>

CENTRE FOR FEMINIST LEGAL STUDIES



The Centre for Feminist Legal Studies (CFLS) was established at the Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia in 1997. It is a research centre intended to enhance the visibility of feminist legal studies at UBC and to strengthen co-operation in research, teaching, and graduate student supervision between scholars working with the Faculty of Law and elsewhere at UBC, as well as links and collaborations between scholars working in different university and community settings in British Columbia, nationally and internationally.

The Centre offers a meeting space (the Marlee Kline Room (424) at Allard Hall), resources, and networking opportunities for scholars and students at UBC; attracts graduate students and visiting scholars; obtains funding support for activities related to feminism and law; and enhances links between the Faculty, community groups interested in feminist legal studies, and the wider community in British Columbia.

We hold weekly lunchtime lectures on Mondays that are open to the public. For updates on our events and other information check out our website!

OUR TIME

Our Time is a national campaign led by young people and millennials who are championing a vision for a Green New Deal for Canada. Our goal is to organize and mobilize a generational alliance of young and millennial voters that's big enough and bold enough to push politicians to support a Green New Deal. Join us! (our-time.ca)

