

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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25 YEAR CLUB  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

# **25 YEAR CLUB 2020 NEW INDUCTEES**



# SHIREEN MCCORMICK

Shireen graduated from UBC's Faculty of Land and Food Systems and has devoted 25 years of service to Animal Care Services. As manager, she has influenced many aspects of the department. Staff praise her expertise in keeping the office running in top shape; her morale-boosting combination of optimism, kindness, and thoughtfulness; and her commitment to ensuring that all of her team members are challenged and fulfilled by their work.

During lunch, she loves spending time outside with her weights and music. Shireen is an avid cyclist, mountain biker, motocross racer and mother of three! She practices many forms of yoga and is at the gym almost every day of the week. She has many cats and dogs including a Tibetan spaniel tripod named Sibby. Outside the home, Shireen acts as equipment manager, scorekeeper, and referee for the south delta basketball association – a program for youths in grades 2 through 12.

## Animal Care Services



# PAULA MARINESCU

Paula is Arts ISIT, a smile on a face, hard working individual, love for the Faculty of Arts, and commitment to UBC

I met Paula in 2004, every day I came to work to always find her feeding the birds in the Buchanan court yard. That was early in morning after she and her inseparable colleague (and friend), had checked all servers logs, and made sure arts email, faculty members websites, learning tools, file sharing systems and computer labs were running properly. That was 15 years ago, the days when one did not see a women doing that job in IT.

From those years, she has never stopped learning; she has accommodated her duties and responsibilities in the way that the faculty and the university have needed her to: from server closets, to server room, data center, and eventually to today's cloud. Her curiosity and motivation to learn new things and persistence to get things running are the best example we in Arts ISIT always appreciate, and follow from her.

## Arts ISIT



# DEB HUBAND

Deb Huband embodies excellence and professionalism having played, coached and won at the highest levels.

Deb is the winningest coach in Canada West women's basketball history and over the past 25 years has led the UBC Thunderbirds to three national titles and four conference championships all the while inspiring a generation of young student-athletes and future leaders.

Deb, whose remarkable university career saw her recently named one of U SPORTS' top 100 women's basketball players of the century was also a standout on the international stage as a point guard and captain for the Canadian national team. Highlights included a fourth-place finish- the best ever for the program- at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, additionally collecting two world championship bronze medals. The Canada Basketball and Basketball BC Hall of Famer remains dedicated to her craft and continues to be a mentor and leader on and off the court in our community.

## Athletics & Recreation



# MARGARET BABIARZ

Margaret has enjoyed working in many buildings throughout campus in her 25 years at UBC and knows the campus very well. When not at UBC, she loves to be outside every chance she gets to spend time in the sunshine with her dog Charlie taking long walks and working in the garden or working around the house.

Margaret has one son and one daughter and two wonderful granddaughters that she loves to spend time with and looks forward to camping with the family whenever they get the opportunity. These days, you can find Margaret at the Nest looking after the student building, they certainly keep her busy there too.

## Building Operations



# MARCUS DROZDZIK

Marcus Drozdzik is not only an exemplary employee, he is also a fantastic person and family man. Marcus lives in Surrey with his wife and is a proud father of three children. He has played an instrumental role in his children's lives as a coach, educator, mentor and friend. In his spare time, you can find Marcus enjoying sports, home projects and time with his family.

At UBC, Marcus is a selfless team member who works extremely hard to make a difference for his colleagues and the university. Marcus has held many roles here at UBC, and has left positive impacts in each and every role. His meaningful contributions have received many acknowledgements, including awards, which he always chooses to celebrate as a team. For 25 years, Marcus has been making the university a place, and space, that enables excellence in research and learning.

The University thanks you, Marcus Drozdzik!

## Building Operations



# GURMEET GILL

When Gurmeet is not working at UBC Waste Management as a Heavy Equipment operator, he enjoys home life with his wife, two sons and a daughter. Gurmeet is also a grandfather which he takes seriously and is always looking forward to spending time with his grandchild.

Gurmeet has worked in various roles at UBC, such as the custodial department on a number of different shifts prior to moving to his current role in Waste Management. We know that our growth and success is dependent on having devoted and capable team members such as Gurmeet, and we want to recognize the contributions he has made in helping Building Operations play a role in helping the University achieve its zero waste goals.

Thank you for all you have done for UBC during your years of service and for your ongoing commitment to our success.

## Building Operations





# BARRY JONES

Barry Jones is a dedicated employee of UBC. He is also a devoted husband of 33 years, and a proud father of two children. He has one grandchild and expecting another on the way. In his spare time, he enjoys doing stipple artwork of pets and wildlife.

Barry started his career at UBC with Food Services from 1982-1994, took a brief sabbatical, and then returned to the University in 1999 and started his tenure in Building Operations. Barry is passionate about giving back to his colleagues. As such, he has devoted his time and served as an Executive Officer for Cupe 116 for 10 years (2007-2017), and also served as a worker representative in the University Health and Safety Committee from 2006-2018. Barry is proud to be a member of the Municipal and Building Operations team, and takes great pride in making the public realm safe, accessible and vibrant for the campus community.

The University thanks you, Barry Jones!

## Building Operations



# NICOLA PJEVALICA

Nikola currently works for Building Operations Waste Management team and can often be seen on Campus operating one of the heavy equipment in our fleet. He has worked in various roles within the Building Operations team over the last 25 years, such as the Custodial department and the Municipal laborers team before moving to his current role in Waste Management.

When Nikola is not at work, he enjoys spending quality time with his wife and two daughters. He is also very devoted to ensuring that he stays healthy and in shape, in turn much of his free time is spent hiking and cycling on the local trails and paths.

Nikola is a valued member of our Building Operations team and his continued contributions are vital for the University to be successful in meeting our zero waste goals. Thank you for your hard work and much dedication. We look forward to your ongoing contributions and a bright and successful future together.

## Building Operations



# ABDUL REHAZ

Custodial Services is very proud of Abdul Re haz' induction into the 25 year club to mark his service to UBC.

Abdul has worked as a part and full time employee on both evening and day shifts with the department, beginning as a part time service worker 25 years ago working during the days.

Abdul can currently be found working full time providing excellent customer service to the staff and patrons of War Memorial Gym. His work history has been varied internally with work spanning multiple different locations from the Chemistry building complex to the Bookstore.

Abdul assisted with the summer student graduations also many years ago on campus in helping to navigate students through the process at the Chan Centre.

Samson Cheung, the direct supervisor and head service worker to Abdul has remarked "Abdul is someone I can trust completely with the work I assign him, he is very reliable and an easy going guy." Samson has also appreciated Abdul's ability to remain cool, calm and collected throughout the years when assigned to work with various partners. His co-workers have noted his professionalism, reliability and positive attitude as the hallmarks of Abdul's time at UBC.

Outside of UBC, Abdul likes to travel in his free time with his wife of 10 years and enjoys playing soccer.

## Building Operations



# CARMEN RIDA

You have likely seen Carmen around campus before, either taking photos of signs and buildings or zipping by you on her bike, and if not, you've definitely seen the results of her handiwork. The blue sign outside your building, the wayfinding maps, plus other signs were all carefully designed and placed by Carmen.

Carmen has a green thumb with a love for plants and gardening. Her desk has many plants on it and she's always making sure her coworkers are attending to their plants properly. She's even volunteered to go into the office during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic to make sure all the office plants are taken care of.

UBC has benefited from the care and attention Carmen brings to her role in Campus and Community Planning. Thank you for your 25 years of dedication and interest in helping people get to where they need to go.

## Campus + Community Planning



# JOYCE HINTON

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts



# HOLLY KWAN

Holly joined Computer Science as a temp in 1995 and has been remained here ever since!

Holly is incredible – she has a heart of gold and will always go out of her way to assist anyone using her extensive knowledge of the department and the university. Holly is the unofficial welcome ambassador in CS – if you are new she will introduce herself and go over any information she thinks would be helpful. This extends beyond work related info – she can also recommend the best restaurant or nicest place to stay! Holly is caring, compassionate, and always wants the people around her to feel supported.

Outside of work, Holly is always bubbling with energy – she loves cycling and is very close with her family. Holly enjoys travel (or did in Pre-Covid times) and loves discovering new places all over the world.

Holly is always there for anyone – friends, family, staff, students and faculty alike, and we are so happy to congratulate her on achieving 25 years of service at UBC.

## Computer Science



# LORRAINE O'CONNELL

Lorraine has been a member of the Faculty of Dentistry since 1995. Her dedicated work helped transition into the new Dental Clinic from the John B. McDonald building.

Lorraine was originally from Edmonton, and braved the move to Vancouver on her own. She loves spending time with her three children. After her third child was born, she decided on a change in her career to Dentistry.

Her hobbies include travelling, enjoying classical music, cheering for the Vancouver Canucks and diving in to a good spy thriller.

There has been a lot of challenges and many changes since she started, but Lorraine has enjoyed her time in the Faculty of Dentistry and learned many new skills along the way. She has met some very memorable students, instructors and patients. Please join me in congratulating Lorraine on achieving 25 years of service at UBC!

## Dentistry



# KATHY PITT

Dentistry





# PHILIP BRUSSÉ

Philip started with UBC as a Controls and Instrument Technician in 1995 with Utilities working at the old Power House. He became a Project Coordinator for Plant Operations in 1999. With hard work and dedication, he was promoted as Project Manager in 2005. His experience dealing with customers landed him the job of Facilities Manager assigned in the Life Sciences Centre. With continuous growth and increased knowledge; and with great people skills, it was no surprise that he became the Building Management Systems Manager in 2013 for Building Operations. A year later Philip was part of the leadership team that created Energy and Water Services. His vast knowledge of energy systems has contributed to over \$3M in annualized Energy savings in his present role as Associate Director for Energy Conservation and Innovation.

Phil has been happily married to his loving wife Shelley. In his spare time, he enjoys hockey with his 3 sons and enjoys the beach with his dog Lucy.

## Energy & Water Services



# BRENNAN SEKORA

Brennan Sekora is a valued member of Energy and Water Services. Brennan is a project coordinator for water, sewer, and thermal energy infrastructure projects on the Vancouver campus. Brennan started at UBC as an Apprentice Steamfitter and progressed to become the Head Steamfitter for the campus before becoming a project coordinator. Brennan has become a dedicated runner and can be seen pounding the pavement during lunch. He is also well known for his love of all things Hawaiian and can be seen at a distance due to his colourful shirts. Mahalo Brennan!

Energy & Water Services



# MARGARET VASQUEZ

Enrolment Services



# FREDA TOM

Freda Tom has shown dedication to her work and is a joy to work with. Throughout the years she has made her mark in the area of research as a very capable and knowledgeable person with many positive connections throughout VCH and UBC research.

We are fortunate to have such a caring, thoughtful colleague as part of our team. We look forward to working together with her continued excellence!

Ethics



# ANDREW LOTTO

Andrew Lotto is the senior technician, and the heart and soul, of the Pacific Salmon Ecology and Conservation (PSEC) Laboratory at UBC. He has helped guide and mentor the research of over 50 graduate students and postdocs. The success of these students at UBC and in their subsequent careers in no small way is a reflection of Andrew's guidance, knowledge, and calmness under pressure. His technical skills and fisheries knowledge helped the PSEC lab develop cutting-edge approaches for studying how salmon undertake their remarkable migrations, and how climate change, land-use and fisheries are affecting salmon populations.

Andrew is the public face of the PSEC lab with numerous stakeholders, government, ENGO, and Indigenous groups and is a well-respected liaison representing UBC. He is a passionate fly fisher, gardener, and a devoted husband, dad and granddad."

## Forestry



# JULIE RANADA

Julie was hired as a System Administrator in the Geography Department in 1998. She is a leader on our IT team and has shown dedication and concern for her job and everyone in the community. Her nurturing instincts are seen in her willingness to help anyone at any time to find solutions to their computing difficulties; to be the first to make the coffee in the morning, to clean the fridge regularly and to buy snacks for meetings. At a recent staff retreat, we were asked to write down some words that describe Julie and these came up: “computer angel”, “meticulous”, “helpful and smart”, “calm problem-solver.” Julie is a family-oriented person (with many grand-kids), a person of faith and integrity. She is dependable, soft-spoken, and kind. We are happy to have her in our department.

Geography



# EDEN FELLNER

Eden Fellner started in the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries on a 5-month 60% job in January 2018. She was looking for permanent part-time but the IOF had plans to expand the role and make it full-time. By the time we were ready to make the transition to the expanded role, Eden had proven she could handle it in 3 days a week. So 2½ years later, Eden, and her dog Manny, are still in the AERL Building.

The IOF is just the latest stop on Eden's UBC trek. More than once she's left UBC. Sometimes it's for children, once for the Caribbean. But she always finds her way back to UBC.

With over 25 years of accumulated service, Eden has worked in mostly in Family Practice and Postgraduate Medical Education. She also has considerable experience with UBC Hiring Solutions, Staff Finders and even Limited Time Only (LTO).

## Institute for Oceans & Fisheries



# LINDA STEWART

Linda Stewart has been a bastion of financial support for over eight years in IRES. She offers help and expertise to staff, faculty and students and is a consummate professional in everything she does for the department

Her amazing good nature and calm demeanor helps the IRES community navigate byzantine rules of UBC finance, as she calmly explains the myriad accounting rules at UBC to befuddled students and faculty. Linda has a difficult job – often worse than trying to herd cats. She uses her keen eye and attention to detail to juggle multiple projects in multiple currencies, all the while keeping her sense of humour intact, while correcting the same mistake over and over again. If you listen to Linda you can be sure your road to financial success will be smooth.

Might everyone be so lucky to have Linda looking after their financial well-being.

Institute for Resources, Environment & Sustainability





# NELSON DINN

Nelson began his illustrious career as an undergrad in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems, where he showed early leadership as the Aggies Social Coordinator. He earned his MSc. and took on various positions within the Faculty to bring him to where he is today - the Business Operations Manager for the UBC Dairy Education and Research Centre in Agassiz. Nelson was hired to run a small dairy farm, from which he has built a world-leading research facility, fostered a dynamic and loyal team of staff and students, and cemented UBC's position as a valued leader in the B.C. agricultural community. Nelson is the glue that holds the Dairy Centre together as he provides expert management of a facility with a unique dual mandate – both an education and research centre as well as an economically viable commercial dairy. It came as no surprise when Nelson received the President's Service Award for Excellence in 2013!

## Land & Food Systems



# WAYNE TAMAGI

Wayne joined the Faculty of Land and Food Systems in June 2014 as a Systems Analyst in our Learning Centre. In the six years he's been with us, Wayne has provided exemplary customer service and IT support to staff, faculty and students. Although IT and computers are his forte, he is also an accomplished cook. From making his own sauerkraut for hot dog fundraisers to baking pies from scratch for our Pi(e) Sales, Wayne has donned his chef's hat on many occasions for LFS social events. Examples include spearheading the Faculty's summer bbq, facilitating mochi making sessions for our Staff ProD day and organizing the United Way ramen fundraiser. Wayne's willingness to help others comes second nature to him so it came as no surprise that he was awarded the Faculty's Staff Service Award last year. Thanks Wayne for all that you do for the Faculty!

## Land & Food Systems



# KENNETH HILDEBRAND

Library



# PAUL LESACK

Paul Lesack is the Data/GIS Analyst with the Library's Research Commons. Paul has long become the backbone of critical support for UBC's complex network of campus-wide interdisciplinary data need. His stellar work can be seen at the core of many research projects, including his work with the Vancouver Aquarium to create digital, manipulatable versions of the original paper maps. These maps have become essential to researchers who are currently working to daylight once hidden water streams. His skillful management of the UBC licensed data repository – Abacus Dataverse – delivers data to hundreds of researchers in UBC, SFU, UVic and UNBC, greatly benefiting and enriching the research community in our province. Paul is an outstanding team member and is always available to help colleagues in need.

A truly Renaissance man, Paul is an artist, computer programmer, cook, and fluent in multiple languages. It is a huge privilege to have Paul working with us and we are looking forward to many more years of collaboration!

Library



# MARIETTA LAO

Life Sciences Institute



# JAMES ANDREW

While James Andrew has held several positions since the inception of his UBC career, since 2002 James has been a trailblazer for the medical school, helping to recruit, select, admit, and support Indigenous medical students across their educational journey. Because of James' efforts, the Faculty of Medicine has graduated over 100 Indigenous doctors. While there is still much work to be done, James' commitment, strength, and tireless dedication to his students has made an indelible imprint on the delivery of healthcare to Indigenous people across British Columbia.

Beyond work, James' deep passions include horror movies, The Rolling Stones, and Burrowing Owl wines. James' collection of Stones mugs, ties, shirts, and other paraphernalia, is enough to make any Stones fan jealous. But more importantly, the lives of his students and his colleagues have been forever impacted by his warmth, generosity, and sense of humour. It is an honour to know him.

## Medical Admissions



# SARAH BALDRY

Sarah Baldry has worked in the Brown lab for her whole career at UBC, where she has assisted 11 Ph.D., 8 M.Sc, and over 40 undergraduate students to safely learn methodologies and complete their degrees. Her research has contributed to 7 publications revolving around how females silence an X chromosome.

Sarah is a true rare BC native, who grew up on the North Shore and attended Simon Fraser University. Outside of work she has completed many of the strenuous BC hikes including the West Coast trail (with her mother!) and the Chilkoot Trail. She has also rafted the Tatshenshini and Alsek and gone on kayaking trips all around Vancouver Island. Her active lifestyle (pre-pandemic) includes basketball and yoga.

## Medical Genetics



# RENE MRZLJAK

René Mrzljak holds a Master of Arts degree in Leadership and has held various positions at UBC over 25 years. Currently, she divides her time between her role as the Faculty of Medicine – HR Subject Matter Expert on the Integrated Renewal Program, and her role as the Director of Administration in the Department of Medical Genetics.

René loves being a part of UBC because it is a vibrant learning community. She is constantly in awe of her talented colleagues and is very grateful for their help and support over the years. Outside of work, René volunteers as an Alumni Mentor to UBC undergraduate students.

## Medical Genetics





# JENNA SCOTT

Jenna first started working for UBC as a genetic counsellor in January 1995. Her passion for advancing the profession has led her to be Co-Director of the MSc in Genetic Counselling where she continues to support the next generation of professionals. A bit of a rebel, a long term cycling commuter, and a dedicated Bikram Yoga practitioner, Jenna is most proud of her family, both biological and extended, and is looking forward to more time with the people who matter most in her life.

Medical Genetics



# **GISELA GOSSE**

Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy



# PATRIZIA TODARO



Office of the Provost & VP, Academic



# PETER SMAILES

Peter may seem like a mild-mannered accountant but secretly he's an adventurous superhero – the Clark Kent of UBC. Prior to joining UBC, Peter sailed across the Pacific and traveled the infamous Road of Death in Bolivia. As UBC Treasurer, he guarded the endowment from marauding Provosts and financed tall buildings with a single bond issue. Now as Vice-President Finance & Operations he keeps the budget (and Facilities team) on the straight and narrow. While his adventures are becoming more domestic – Peter is reportedly a wonderful cook and enjoys travelling with his wife Rosanna – he still gets the occasional white-knuckle thrill as a member of the Properties Trust Board. Colleagues across UBC appreciate Peter for his wit and warmth and admire him for his ability to get to heart of any problem with a well-placed question.

Congratulations Peter on 25 successful years at UBC. We're lucky to have you.

## Office of the VP, Finance & Operations



# MARIE-CLAUDE FORTIN

Office of the VP, Research & Academic



# BEATRICE TAM

Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences



# TARA RAJWANI

Twenty-five years for Tara Rajwani has really just snuck up on us all! Tara began her UBC career in Enrolment Services, and soon after joined the law school as it's Receptionist. She has been a pillar of the Allard School of Law ever since! Most recently, and for the majority of her career with law, Tara has been the lead Administrative Assistant position for JD Admissions program. She is consistently known for creating order out of chaos, for her wicked sense of humour (she has livened up many an April fool's day for the office!) and for her ongoing kindness. Tara always has a smile and a kind word for everyone.

The Allard School of Law congratulates Tara on a true accomplishment, and for her dedicated, enduring service to the university.

Peter A. Allard School of Law



# MATTHEW SLUYTER

Although I have been Matt's supervisor for just over a year, from day one, he impresses me with his dedication to the work and positive, "can do" attitude. He is the only guy in our group who, as soon as he completes one task, comes to my office and asks, "What do you have for me next?" Self-motivated, dedicated and hard-working, those three words describe him as an employee very well. Recently I discovered Matt is an avid sailor whose excitement about his sailings is only exceeded when he talks about sailing successes of his son.

Happy Anniversary, Matt!

Physics & Astronomy





# STEVE BOHNEN

Steve Bohnen started as a Patrol Officer 25 years ago in the Campus Security department and has worked into his current position of Community Relations Officer. He is very passionate about his work and continues to be aware of what incidents have occurred on campus. He is an integral part of the team working remotely due to the pandemic.

Steve continues to be a valued asset as he strives for excellence as well as inspiring his colleagues to do the same.

## Safety & Risk Services



# KIM LEE

Kim started with UBC as an Alarm Technician with Parking and Security Services. Within a few years, he was promoted to Head Technician, and has remained with the department his entire career. He's been part of successfully growing and improving the systems across campus for the last two and a half decades, beginning with a small number of alarm systems to what is now thousands of card readers, cameras, and protected areas. His technical expertise, intelligence, and commitment have served the University well, and helped make the campus safer. Kim stays fit and active, hitting the gym or swimming every day. Outside of work, he enjoys his family, friends, and church community.

Thank you Kim for all your contributions, and congratulations on this milestone.

## Safety & Risk Services



# TERRI BOLTON

Terri has been working as the Exams Coordinator at the Sauder Real Estate Division for over 14 years. She has organized countless exams over the years and helped a large number of students across the country navigate their real estate exams.

Outside of work, Terri enjoys tending her plants, film, and food. She also loves to travel – London, Paris, and New York especially.

Sauder School of Business



# MARGOT FRASER

Margot Fraser is the heart and soul of the Robert H. Lee Graduate School. Thanks to Margot's enthusiasm, creativity, and team spirit our team takes part in activities like the Annual Chair Race, the Lunar New Year, Secret Santa, United Way Volunteering, the Walkathon and so much more. Margot takes pride in everything she does at Sauder, whether that is working closely with students and instructors, or forming close bonds with her colleagues. Her endlessly helpful attitude and warm personality leaves an indelible mark on all those she has helped over the years.

We are indebted to her for her years of service, and look forward to the years to come!  
Congratulations, Margot!

Sauder School of Business



# WALLY MITCHELL

From his start at the UBC English Language Institute, to a brief hiatus to complete his Master's degree at McQuarrie University and then to his current role at UBC Sauder, one word links them all ... "international". Wally enjoys meeting people and learning about other cultures around the world.

According to HR assessment tools, as an ENFP, Wally has an "abundance of enthusiasm, and genuinely cares about others" and as someone under the "Woo" theme, Wally "loves the challenge of meeting new people and winning them over". His colleagues would agree! His empathy and interest in others are qualities that make him an excellent Advisor, Recruiter and teammate who is and continues to be an invaluable member of the Undergraduate Office.

Outside of work, Wally's spontaneous and entrepreneurial spirit has led him to a business venture, to co-create and bring to market, a delicious treat known as 'the lemon square'

## Sauder School of Business



# ALAN SUN

Alan left an IT position at YVR to join the Real Estate Division, and now heads up the Information Technology group supporting online education programs for thousands of students across the country.

Alan is sporting minded enjoying skiing and golfing (when the weather is fair), and is an avid Canucks supporter especially when the Canucks are making a playoff run.

Alan enjoys living in Point Grey and taking advantage of the many trails and beaches near his home. Much of his time is spent with his family on these outings including with his 10 year old son. Alan also enjoys spending time with his son exploring many facets of information technology including building operating systems and coding – clearly following in Alan's footsteps.

## Sauder School of Business



# EMMA ATTILO

When Emma started her building services practicum at the West Coast suites in 1995, she never predicted that she was going to be a member of the UBC 25 Year club.

Emma enjoys sailing the waters of British Columbia with her husband in their boat that they owned for several years.

For the last 20 years during the summer time they sail for few a weeks with family or Friends on board and this is the highlight of their Year.

Emma and her Husband are also a passionate off road drivers and as much as they can they go on logging roads with their 3 year old granddaughter for a fishing, camping or sightseeing opportunity.

Emma cannot wait to go back to “ normal “ to be able to host their weekly poker night at their place with friends and coworkers.

## Student Housing & Community Services



# TEODORO BASAS

Teo Basas was born in Bontoc Southern Leyte in the Philippines. In August 1994, Teo immigrated to Canada (Vancouver), with his parents, two sisters, and brother. Teo has been married to his wife Celceli since 2000, and has two beautiful children, Kailan and Mia. Teo likes to spend quality time with his family doing fun things like, travelling, camping, fishing, and enjoys a good game of basketball.

Teo and his family get together socially, about once a month with other co-workers, and their children.

Teo really enjoys his job at UBC as a Utility Worker, because he can help the residents with their Maintenance Requests and make repairs that makes life here just that much better.

## Student Housing & Community Services





# EVERETH BASINANG

Evereth started working for UBC on September 12th, 1995, he remembers he was assigned to Walter Gage and his manager at the time was Harry Fox. Evereth has spent most of his 25 years age Gage with the exception of a couple of years at Totem and Place Vanier.

When Evereth isn't working he loves to go fishing, and sing Karaoke, I have been told by many that he does an amazing rendition of "Open Arm" by Journey..... Keep fishing and singing Evereth, Congratulations on your 25 year Anniversary !!!!!

## Student Housing & Community Services



# SHAEN GOLDEN

Shaen Golden is a very familiar face at the residence front desks. He has dedicated his working life to supporting students in residence and has literally worked around the clock doing it. Always willing to lend a hand, Shaen has often given of his time outside of work hours to help out residents with their musical productions or programs. Outside of work, Shaen is the proud father to three very active boys. He is a committed leader in the Scouts Canada organization and does home repairs and renovations in his spare time. Shaen is a knowledgeable and friendly presence with the residents, staff and guests interacting with the front desks.

Congratulations, Shaen, on 25 years of service!

## Student Housing & Community Services



# KIM HAGGSTROM

Kim is a wonderful human being. She's always ready to help, at work or outside work. She is very optimistic, gentle, and diplomatic. She brings in positive energy to Lilliput everyday. Kim's gifted nature with children can be seen through her sensitivity to their well-being. Kim always has lots of ideas with the children like gardening, playing, walks, etc. Kim thinks everybody, adult or child, has potential in him/her. She is patient and laid back when mentoring others and makes everybody feel safe and comfortable in exploring the options. Kim is generous and always brings in supplies and tools from home; showing how dedicated she is to Lilliput, extra things, extra time and extra effort.

Kim's team thanks her for standing together during all the ups and downs and for sharing her positive attitude that inspires them to do their best.

Kim's team thank her for dedicating 25 amazing years of work to UBCCCS and they hope to continue to hold this strong professional and personal bond for another 20 years to come.

## Student Housing & Community Services



# GLENN JONES

Glenn started working February 13<sup>th</sup>, a significant time of year because within the first week he was here, he helped out with snow clearing after one of the few snow days we have here on the coast . He had just moved to BC from Winnipeg Manitoba so he just saw this as an ordinary winter day. His first time in BC was in 1988 when he was part of the Olympic trials for the Canadian Road Racing Team. In 1989 he decided to make Vancouver his home.

The best thing that has happened to him was meeting his wife Pauline who started working with us in 1999. Happily married since 2005, he is forever grateful she was hired.

Outside of work Glenn enjoys spending time with his wife and their many camping trips in the summer. His latest activity is gold panning in the back woods and streams. It gives him lots of time to dream what life would be like after finding the gold flakes that lead to gold nuggets that lead to a big stake!



## Student Housing & Community Services

# SVETOLIK JOTOVOC

Sveto has been involved a myriad of departments in his time at UBC. He started with UBC Security, and moved in Building Operations as both a Utility Worker and a Painter. He has been a Utility Worker with Student Housing since July 2008.

When away from UBC, Sveto is likely found surrounded by his family playing guitar. His favourite songs are Serbian rock ballads, and he loves Michael Jackson! Congratulations on 25 Years Of Service at UBC, Sveto!!

## Student Housing & Community Services



# DON NICHOLSON

Don Nicholson began with UBC in 1989 and came to work in Student Housing soon thereafter. Some of our favourite memories of Don include him being at the main office's service counter assisting residents with their questions about their unit location and layout, as he pored over floorplan drawings with them. It was clear however that the love of his life was his daughter, and we enjoyed hearing stories about her antics and adventures.

We wish him well as he is inducted into the 25 year Club.

## Student Housing & Community Services



# LEN CARLSEN

Before Len joined my team at IEC, he was part of the SASI program where he performed a lot of analysis to help determine the art of the possible for data integration. Right after SASI, he joined IEC and became part of the delivery team to implement the art of the possible. He was one of the first Sr. Programmers at IEC, learned a new integration language MuleSoft, and has been successfully building integrations between systems such as SIS to Salesforce CRM, and Workday to UBC's ecosystems applications. He also mentors Jr. programmers at IEC on a regular basis and never hesitates to provide a helping hand. He is a very calm person, a wonderful dad, and a dedicated member of UBC-IT. He is usually one of the last ones to leave the office at the end of the day and checks to ensure all the lights are off.

## UBC Information Technology



# HEMAN CHOI

Heman is an easy going, polite and fun person to work with. He is responsible and accountable.

He is known as “Pay4Print guy” since he is the main taker of the service that serves students, faculty, staff and visitors for many years. Heman is a caring person and good role model for others. As his supervisor I really enjoy and appreciate his constructive inputs.

Heman likes photography, especially taking pictures of birds. He has shown me some of his good quality photography and I am happy to share one of them with you at this special occasion.

Please join me in congratulating Heman for his 25 years of service achievement at UBC.

## UBC Information Technology





# IREK GRYGORCZUK

I have had the pleasure to supervise Irek for the last year now, and I can honestly say it has been an amazing experience so far.

Irek is often one of the first employees a new UBC IT staff member will meet, and he takes this responsibility very seriously. The care and attention that he shows the staff he supports highlights his years of experience and need to make sure each UBC IT journey starts from a high point.

Joining UBC in November 1995, Irek has seen incredible change both on the campus and within UBC IT. Fortunately for us, his desire to find out the 'what' and 'why' has not. While this can lead to large piles of memory chips and hard disks within the office, it is always good to know that he has done his best to keep our users up and running.

We are lucky to have him as a team member!

## UBC Information Technology



# CHRISTOPHER YONG

In working with Chris, you get to experience firsthand an individual who is keenly focused on providing the best possible service for UBC's students. An independent thinker, Chris is known for implementing creative technological solutions that focus on the needs of students while juggling the complexities of an organization as large and diverse as UBC. As a leader he instills in his team the same level of passion and dedication for those they serve.

Thank you, Chris for your 25 years of dedication and service. Your ingenuity and tireless effort have undoubtedly had a positive impact on many students' experiences at UBC over the years.

UBC Information Technology



# TERRANCE HUI

Terrance is simply a joy to work with: he's dedicated, diligent and gets things done. Colleagues summed up how important he is to the Department: "If Terrance leaves we're in trouble" (except they didn't use the word 'trouble'). "Terrance? Dude, he's the glue in the Dept!". "His encyclopedic knowledge means you can ask him anything and he'll know where to find the answer". He's a lovable rogue with an infectious laugh, transforming a quiet office the moment he walks through the door which in these crazy COVID days is so, so refreshing.

He may be Terrece but to us, he's "Our Terrance" and it's hard to believe he's been at UBC for just 25 years.

## University Community Services



# GARTH MCDOUGALL

Garth grew up in Alberta and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Archaeology from the University of Calgary in 1993. In 1995 he moved to Vancouver and a few months after arriving, Garth joined the UBC Bookstore in the warehouse team where has not stop impressing us with his dedication and problem solving skills; which has made Garth a very key member of the UBC Bookstore team.

His interests include learning about wine, reading, gardening, and photography.

Please join me in congratulating Garth on achieving 25 years of service.

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# JOHN MOLNAR

John is incredibly generous with his time, his UBC experience and his knowledge of how to get things done at UBC that he really should author “UBC for Dummies”. There aren’t many things that John doesn’t know about having come up through the ranks with the Access Technicians and now also working with the Locksmiths. John is not only a sharp dresser he’s also sharp witted: his knowledge of obscure Simpsons quotes (Troy McLure’s “lead paint: delicious but deadly” is a particular favourite) is only surpassed by his mind-bending knowledge and love of music from having been a drummer. While not quite John Bonham, John is a star in his own right and we wouldn’t be without him.

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# SANJIV PARHAR

Sanjiv is a key part of the Dept. for whom he has worked for 25 years. He gets things done, often finding solutions where one does not immediately and obviously exist. He doesn't suffer fools but that's ok: a broad smile and a no nonsense attitude endear him to the team on so many levels and it is that discipline that has served him well with his stock market picks, an interest that he does so very well. Sanjiv is down to earth, what you see is what you get and that's why we're so happy to have him working with us.

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# RODOLFO SAMANO

Rodolfo is originally from the Philippines. He worked as Chief Accountant in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and then as an Income Auditor/Accountant at SAS Portman Hotel in London UK. Rodolfo immigrated to Canada in July 1, 1994 with his wife and child and started working at UBC Bookstore in 1995. He is currently the Bookstore Section Head in Accounts Payable.

Rudy has a very jolly personality and loves to sing Karaoke with his family and friends. He enjoys organizing the Accounting Department's potluck for birthdays and special events. He is very dedicated to his work at the Bookstore and is always open to taking on new tasks when operational help is needed. Rudy is definitely an asset to the Bookstore!

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# JAMES PEACOCK

James (Jim) Peacock is driven by a desire to achieve excellence at the highest levels. He aspires to be the best that he can be in all areas of life. Over the last 25 years as a Research Scientist at UBC, Jim has made significant contributions in cancer research as evidenced by his numerous publications and patents. Jim has excelled not only in research, but also in music, art and athletics. In fact, Jim achieved Ironman All World Athlete status in 2019. He is also an accomplished pianist and a talented artist with a unique flare for detailed pencil sketches of our West Coast landscape.

Jim leads by example and is an inspiring role model to many students and coworkers. In his pursuit of excellence, Jim inspires others to be the best versions of themselves and to contribute in ways that may ultimately lead to the betterment of humanity.

## Urologic Sciences





# XUEQIN HUANG



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