

# ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



March 17th, 2025

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## BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Club takes place on **Wednesday,**  
**March 19th at 2:30 pm** in Room 1-46 of University Terrace (8303

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112 Street). The discussion of *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov will be led by Rob Normey. Members may participate either in-person or online. Beverley O'Brien ([bo1@ualberta.ca](mailto:bo1@ualberta.ca)) will send a Zoom link beforehand for those wishing to join virtually. If you wish to join the group, please contact Vivien Bosley at [vbosley@ualberta.ca](mailto:vbosley@ualberta.ca)

**Please note that University Terrace is locked but there will be someone to meet you at the door when you arrive.**

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**LUNCH WITH...**

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The next Lunch With... event will be held on **Wednesday March 26th** at 11.30 am in room 1-38 of University Terrace. The speaker will be Daniel Fried, Chair of East Asian Studies at the University of Alberta. The title of his presentation is ***The cosmopolitan character of ancient Chinese literature***: China has not always

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been a united empire or nation-state; during its ancient and early-medieval history it was frequently divided in regional kingdoms that possessed distinct languages and cultures. In this talk, recent advances in our understanding of how early Chinese culture affected other Asian peoples will reveal the cosmopolitan character of Chinese identity between the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC and 6<sup>th</sup> century AD.

Lunch will be catered by Upper Crust at a cost of \$20; payment in advance by INTERAC transfer would be appreciated, but payment at the meeting will be accepted. Paid parking will be available in College Plaza and is accessible from 112 Street by turning onto 83 Avenue and driving east until turning right into the parkade. Room 1-38 is at the far east on the first floor of University Terrace.

Someone will be at the front door to greet you and let you in. You should be targeting an arrival time of 11:30 am with lunch to begin

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at around 11: 45 am and the speaker starting his presentation at around 12:15 pm. If you would like to attend, please notify us at [emirhse@ualberta.ca](mailto:emirhse@ualberta.ca)

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## DINING OUT

After our abortive attempt to dine at Zula, we have been fortunate to obtain a reservation at Boxer. The address is 10315 83 Ave NW. We were there about a year ago and merits a return visit. They remembered us and will prepare the same table near the front. The reservation is for 6:30 pm on **Thursday, March 27**. There is a large public parking lot across Gateway Boulevard / 103 St or there is street parking. Remember that the restaurant is tucked in the lane entry across 83 rd Ave from the Strathcona Market. Please let Peggy know at [peggyvallegretto@gmail.com](mailto:peggyvallegretto@gmail.com) by Tuesday March 25 if you plan to come.

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## TRAVEL GROUP



The next presentation will be on **Thursday March 27** at 2:30 PM (half an hour later than previously) given by Judy and Tom Mill. The title will be "Western Cape, South Africa: Travel with Dutch Friends in the Great Karoo, November/December 2019". The presentation will be in Room 1-38 in University Terrace. If you plan to attend, please inform us at [emirhse@ualberta.ca](mailto:emirhse@ualberta.ca) so that we can meet you at the door to University Terrace.

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## UBC Hybrid Event

Executive Director, Nancy Gallini, is looking forward to participating in the upcoming event entitled ***Reaching Across Borders: Building a More Equitable World through Higher Education*** on **March 19th, 5-6:30pm (PDT) or 6-7:30pm(MT)**

The event, which is part of the Green College series *Stories from the Frontlines: Universities and Global Citizenship* at the University of British Columbia, will feature AWB and its work and include two recent AWB projects in Uganda and Nepal, described by four outstanding volunteers from UBC, Simon Fraser University and York University.

You can [click here to join the zoom room on Wednesday, March 19th at 5pm PST](#) or join us in person at Green College, UBC.

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## OFFICE ASSISTANT

Damdini will be in the office Monday from 2-5 pm.

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