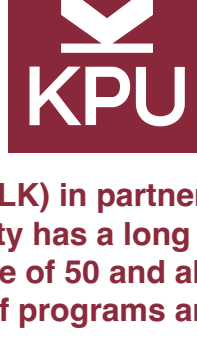


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Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (TALK) in partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University has a long commitment to learners over the age of 50 and allows them to explore a diverse offering of programs and stay connected with other lifelong learners.



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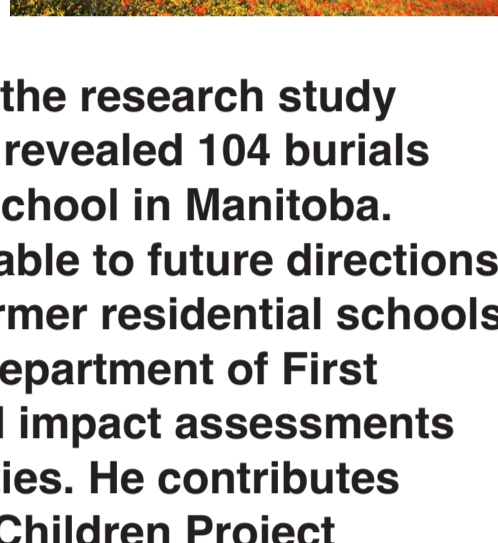
## WINTER/ SPRING 2024

➤ Online, on-campus  
and off-site courses

[kpu.ca/talk](http://kpu.ca/talk)

## Residential School Graves

Wednesday, May 8  
1:00 pm – 2:50 pm  
Richmond Campus, Room 2505  
8771 Lansdowne Road, Richmond



Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn will report on the research study based on geophysical surveys that revealed 104 burials at the Brandon Indian Residential School in Manitoba. He will also discuss lessons applicable to future directions in similar investigations at other former residential schools. Dr. Yellowhorn established SFU's Department of First Nations Studies and has conducted impact assessments in advance of terrain altering activities. He contributes as an archaeologist to the Missing Children Project initiated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to search for children who died at residential schools.

Course fee: \$15  
Annual membership fee: \$10  
Register by Friday, May 3rd  
For registration information,  
please visit: [www.kpu.ca/talk/courses](http://www.kpu.ca/talk/courses)

## Courses in Review

### BC Golf Museum Tour • March 7th, 2024

➤ By "Fairway Jim" Zalusky

Who knew that we should be thanking the Netherlands and India for the game we all love (and at times, hate), Golf?

Our tour of the BC Golf Museum at UBC golf course was a real eye-opener. How often do you get to touch an article from the 1300's? We did. Michael Riste, the museum curator and a golf historian, started the tour with the fascinating



game of "Colf or Kolf", first played in what today is the Netherlands on frozen lakes and ponds with a "J" shaped stick that was fashioned into a hollowed-out piece of soft rock. "Colfers" would play the game with a ball that would eventually find its way into a hole cut in the ice. I guess the game was over when the ball fell through the ice.

One of the prized possessions of the BC Golf Museum, bought at an auction, is a rock from around the 1300's, which resembles the face of a modern-day golf iron. Historians believe that trading between the Netherlands and Scotland brought the game of golf to Scotland and to land in the 1400's.

Michael also told us the fascinating story of the golf ball. Starting with "the featherie", which was made using a hat full of goose or chicken feathers that were stuffed into a leather stitched ball, that took the craftsman (many of whom died an early death due to feather ingestion) about 3 hours to complete and was so expensive only the wealthy aristocrats could play. The featherie could fly about 190 yards. Golf really became popular in Scotland with the invention of "the guttie" ball. An inexpensive ball that was made from gutta-percha, a natural polymer that was used like today's packing peanuts to protect goods in shipment. In the mid 1800's, Scotland did a lot of trading with India and the goods they imported were packed with gutta-percha. Scot's being Scot's, found that when they added water to gutta-percha, they could form the material into a ball, which flew further than the featherie, and was far less expensive (in fact, it was free).

The BC Golf Museum is housed in the original UBC Golf Course club house and is located on the 8th hole, which used to be the 1st hole and was built in the 1920's. It has hundreds of historic golf clubs including lots of year-old putters. Some of the exhibits include

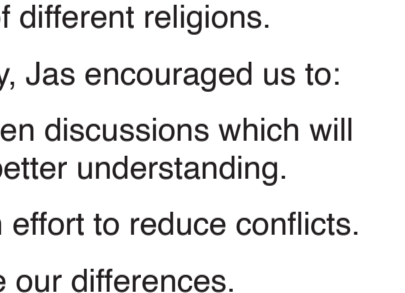
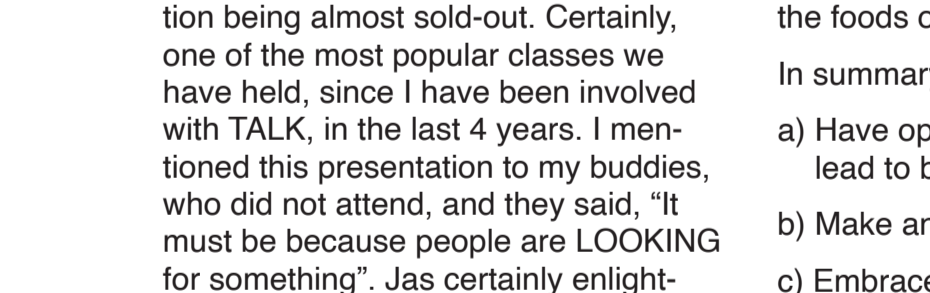
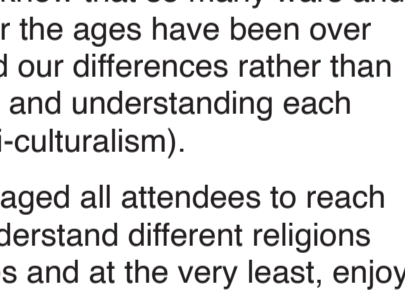


trophy rooms, the largest collection of golf balls I have ever seen, the BC Golf Hall of Fame and a collection of golf training aids (similar in size to my personal collection at home alongside my defective putter museum).

Michael started his golf adventure as a caddie at Capilano Golf Course and was a recipient of an Evan's Caddie Scholarship, where he attended the University of Washington. He has written "fore" books on golf including, "Just call me Mac" the biography of NW golf course architect, A. Vernon Macan and "Washington Golf: 100 years of growing the game". In 2013, Mike received a Distinguished Service Award from the N. W. Golf Media Association.

## Religions and the Human Race March 25th, 2024

➤ Doing what my mother said not to do  
a review of the TALK presentation on Religions  
and the Human Race – Jim Zalusky



Jas Sandher came very well prepared for his presentation. One of the first things he said was, that his mother told him never to talk about religion and here he was giving a presentation about Religion. I could immediately relate to this statement, because that was something my mother also told me. Religion and politics were not topics to discuss according to our mothers.

I was quite surprised at the presentation being almost sold-out. Certainly, one of the most popular classes we have held, since I have been involved with TALK, in the last 4 years. I mentioned this presentation to my buddies, who did not attend, and they said, "It must be because people are LOOKING for something". Jas certainly enlightened the group on the history of religion and did an excellent job of identifying the differences, but particularly pointing out the similarities.

Jas compared all the major religions in a spreadsheet format and I think most

were surprised to hear that all the major religions have much, much more in common than they have differences. Still sad to know that so many wars and killings over the ages have been over religion and our differences rather than celebrating and understanding each other (multi-culturalism).

Jas encouraged all attendees to reach out and understand different religions and cultures and at the very least, enjoy the foods of different religions.

In summary, Jas encouraged us to:

- a) Have open discussions which will lead to better understanding.
- b) Make an effort to reduce conflicts.
- c) Embrace our differences.

Hopefully we have progressed as a human race where we can learn, listen and talk about each other's faith, even if our mothers told us not to.

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## TALK's courses this month

- Tour: Surrey Traffic Management Centre** ➤ April 9 @ 10:30 am at Surrey City Hall
- Armchair Travel: Scotland** ➤ April 15 @ 11 am on Zoom
- Canadian Politics in the 1930s** ➤ April 17 @ 1 pm at Langley campus
- Taking Math Off the Page** ➤ April 19 @ 10 am at Richmond campus
- Impacts of COVID on Long-Term Health** ➤ April 22 @ 2 pm on Zoom
- Art, Propaganda and the French Revolution** ➤ April 23 @ 1 pm at Surrey campus
- The Universal Language of Music** ➤ April 30 @ 10 am at Surrey campus

For more information, please visit: [www.kpu.ca/talk/courses](http://www.kpu.ca/talk/courses)

## Philosophers' Corners in April

**Should Voting be Mandatory? Federal, Provincial and or Municipal**  
➤ April 4 @ 10:30 am  
Wisteria Place (Multi-purpose Room #1), 4388 Garry Street, Richmond

**Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Who Should Qualify?**  
➤ April 11 @ 11:30 am  
Crescent Gardens, 1222 King George Boulevard, Surrey

**Do We Need a New Justice System?**  
➤ April 25 @ 11:30 am  
City of Langley Library, 20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley

For more information, please visit: [www.kpu.ca/talk/philosophers-corner](http://www.kpu.ca/talk/philosophers-corner)



## Lifespan Cognition Memory Online Study

KPU REB #H23-02783

KPU's Lifespan Cognition Lab would like to invite members of our community to participate in an upcoming online research study starting in early April. We are seeking participants in the following age groups: 10-15, 40-45, and 65-70 years old. If you have any questions, please send us an email at [LifespanCognition@kpu.ca](mailto:LifespanCognition@kpu.ca)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## Volunteers Needed

Interested in becoming a TALK Volunteer?

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities TALK has to offer

- Become a Course Facilitator
- Join the Board and/or the Program Committee and/or the Marketing Committee
- Become a Presenter

For information, please visit: [www.kpu.ca/talk/volunteer](http://www.kpu.ca/talk/volunteer)

## Upcoming KPU Events

### KPU Science Rendezvous

➤ May 11 @ 11 am to 2 pm  
Langley campus  
[www.kpu.ca/events/kpu-science-rendezvous-2024](http://www.kpu.ca/events/kpu-science-rendezvous-2024)

### KPU Community Day

➤ May 25 @ 12 to 2 pm  
Cloverdale campus  
[www.kpu.ca/events/kpu-community-day](http://www.kpu.ca/events/kpu-community-day)

### SAVE THE DATE: TALK's 25th Anniversary Celebration

➤ September 28

### SAVE THE DATE: TALK's AGM

➤ November 8

