

U3A Christchurch Central

“University of the Third Age”





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Course 5: October 20 – November 17

Course 7: Potpourri

This course offers presentations on a range of different topics. Some speakers were originally scheduled to speak earlier in the year, but their presentations could not go ahead because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Course Organisers: Kristi Gray, Sue Allard, Rosemary Du Plessis and Dru Mason

	<p>20 October: Felicity Milburn, Lead Curator, Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū</p> <p><u>Weighing the Octopus</u></p> <p>As one of the co-curators, Felicity Milburn will discuss a selection of works from Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū’s current exhibition <i>Te Wheke: Pathways Across Oceania</i>. It explores how the Gallery’s collection can connect us across the Pacific and includes works in a wide range of materials, styles and scales – from a sculpture that spans 13 metres to a tiny kiwi feather kete.</p>
	<p>27 October: Dr Simon Pollard, Adjunct Professor of Science Communication, College of Science, University of Canterbury. Documentary advisor and award-winning writer and photographer.</p> <p><u>Science, pseudoscience and how to tell the difference</u></p> <p>Were the moon landings faked? Is the earth flat? Are vaccines dangerous? Simon will talk about how science works and why it is different from the pseudoscientific claims of its, often vocal, detractors.</p>
	<p>3 November: Gavin Bishop, (Ngāti Pukeko, Ngāti Mahuta, Pākehā), Author and Illustrator of over 70 children’s books that have been translated into eight languages and won numerous national and international awards. Founding member of the Te Tai Tamariki Trust for the Preservation of NZ Children’s Literature. ONZM.</p> <p><u>Home sweet home</u></p> <p>Gavin will discuss the impact of his personal world on his work.</p>
	<p>10 November: Dr James Ataria, (Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Raukawa) Adjunct Associate Professor, Lincoln University. Māori Business Development Manager and Ecotoxicologist, Cawthron Institute, Nelson. Deputy Chair of the Tuaropaki Trust & Chair of the Tuaropaki Power Company.</p> <p><u>Science and Māori</u></p> <p>James is involved in numerous multi-disciplinary / multi-organisational programmes focussed on environmental contamination and biological heritage. He assists these projects to meet their obligations under Vision Mātauranga (a government science policy) and work towards equitable outcomes for Māori. James will discuss his journey in science, the changing landscape of science provision for Māori, and how science is a key success factor for Māori to realise their developmental aspirations.</p>



17 November: Professor Annick Masselot, School of Law, University of Canterbury

Unpacking the Consequences of Brexit: Implications for women

This talk explores the gender impact of Brexit. Whilst it is clear that Brexit will have profound implications on the governance of the UK, its consequences will not be favourable to women and gender equality as a whole. Unpacking the role of gender, as a structure of power and an ideology underpinning the British political establishment provides important insights into the social, political and economic interests that have driven this process.

Hikoi with Joseph Hullen:

We are pleased to announce that Joseph Hullen is happy to take us for a hikoi around traditional Māori sites in Christchurch Tuesday 27th October from 2pm till 3.30pm. Joseph is a Senior Whakapapa Registration Advisor at Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. He has a special interest in mātauranga Māori and tikanga Māori. He is a story teller, hunter/gatherer, fisherman, explorer and kaitiaki.

The maximum number for this hikoi is 30 U3A members. To register email r.smart@xtra.co.nz with your name and contact details. Registrations will be limited and taken in the order that they are received. Once we have established numbers, we will let you know if you have made the cut, and the cost. It should be less than \$10.

Final session 24 November:

Championing Music - A talk and performance by Tom Rainey - Keyboard & bass player, arranger, educator, conductor, champion of music...

Potluck lunch -- Please bring something to share for lunch after the performance.

Visitors:

Members are welcome to bring visitors to presentations, but please leave an envelope containing \$5 with your name and the name of your visitor at the membership desk.

Accessing past presentations:

Records of presentations (PowerPoints or summary notes) are uploaded onto the U3A Christchurch Central website with the permission of presenters. They can be accessed by putting 'U3A Christchurch Central' into your web browser. Click on 'U3A Christchurch Central Homepage'. This will open up our page on the U3A Canterbury Network website. Click on 'Find Current Updates in the NZ Directory' at the bottom of the page and access records of presentations on the 'PDF NOTICE BOARD'.

Morning Tea / Coffee:

Paper cups for morning tea / coffee are no longer provided. Please bring your own reusable cup.

Organiser: Yvonne Ekdahl, Phone: 021 169 7596, 385 1395

Annette Mann and Caroline Tapley have kindly volunteered to help for the duration of this course.

Help with Organisation of Courses in 2021:

We are keen to involve members, working alongside committee members, in the organisation of courses in 2021. If you are prepared to contribute in that way, please contact Rosemary Du Plessis (rosemarydup@gmail.com 021 022 43825).