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PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission is a recurring item for information at each Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At every meeting, the Board receives a list of recent notable distinctions and recognitions that have been received by UBC faculty members -- for their teaching, scholarly accomplishments and community service -- ranging from very prestigious national and international awards to significant internal awards at UBC. In addition, the Board receives profiles of three of these award winners.

UBC faculty members profiled at this meeting and on the Board of Governors website:

- John Graham (Research category)
Professor, School of Social Work
Faculty of Health and Social Development
- Rose Hatala (Teaching category)
Professor, Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine
- Minelle Mahtani (Service category)
Associate Professor, Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice
Faculty of Arts

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (optional reading for Governors)

1. Profiles of the above scholars
2. List of Notable Distinctions: *Research *Teaching *Service



John Graham



Professor, School of Social Work
Faculty of Health and Social Development

Fellow of American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare

Congratulations to Professor and former Director of the School of Social Work John Graham, who was named fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. This distinction recognizes premier scholars and practitioners influencing the social work field. There are 140 Fellows world-wide, and John Graham is the first Canadian to be so inducted.

Dr. Graham's current research focuses on homelessness reduction. He is principal investigator of the Kelowna Homelessness Research Collaborative, which was established in 2019 to explore intersecting facets of homelessness in small and medium sized cities within and beyond the Okanagan, BC, and to offer evidence-based approaches to mitigate and eradicate homelessness across our communities. Dr. Graham has also published on international development (with a particular focus on Bedouin-Arab communities in the Middle East), social policy, diversity and social work, spirituality and social work, multicultural social work, and employee well being/ subjective well being (happiness) in and out of the workplace.

Prior to joining UBCO in 2016, Dr. Graham was Director of the School of Social Work at Florida Atlantic University, and before that at The University of Calgary for 17 years where he held a 10 year research chair as Murray Fraser Professor.



Rose Hatala



Professor, General Internal Medicine
Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine

Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Education Faculty of Medicine

Professor Rose Hatala is a general internist and palliative care physician at St. Paul's Hospital and a Professor in the Department of Medicine. She completed her clinical training, as well as her MSc focused on educational research, at McMaster University and was clerkship director for internal medicine.

Dr. Hatala came to UBC in 2003 and was the Associate Program Director for the UBC internal medicine residency program from 2005-2015. Since September 2015, she has been the Director of the Clinical Educator Fellowship for UBC's Centre for Health Education Scholarship. She has extensive front-line experience as a clinical educator for undergraduate and postgraduate learners, in addition to her experience with both in-training and high-stakes assessment methods.

This is the second time that Professor Hatala has been awarded the Faculty's Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Education; she previously received this recognition in 2013. Her other awards include the Medical Council of Canada's Outstanding Achievement Award in the Evaluation of Clinical Competence (2019), the UBC Killam Teaching Prize (2015) and the Department of Medicine's Master Teacher Award (2013).



Minelle Mahtani



Associate Professor
Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice
Faculty of Arts

Digital Publishing Award (Gold) for Best Personal Essay

Professor Minelle Mahtani received her PhD in Geography from University College London in 2000. She was an Associate Professor of Human Geography and Journalism at the University of Toronto Scarborough prior to joining UBC where she was appointed the university's first Senior Advisor to the Provost on Racialized Faculty in 2018. She performed this role alongside her current position as Associate Professor in the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice, where she teaches courses on storytelling and race. She currently holds the Brenda and David McLean Chair of Canadian Studies.

Dr. Mahtani is a former national television news journalist with the CBC and subsequently hosted a radio show called "A Sense of Place" at Roundhouse Radio, 98.3 Vancouver. The show won four awards including a Canadian Ethnic Media Association Award for building relationships between ethnic communities and Indigenous communities, and a BC Association of Broadcasters Award for best community service reporting. Professor Mahtani uses storytelling to highlight issues of equity and inclusion, providing space for marginalized and racialized individuals to tell their stories.

Dr. Mahtani won the 2012 Glenda Laws Award from the Association of American Geographers for outstanding contributions to geography and social policy, and was honored with a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

**Notable Distinctions of UBC Faculty and Librarians
Research**

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BoG Date	Faculty - Department	Name	Award/Distinction
SEP 2022	APPLIED SCIENCE - Chemical & Biological Engineering	Wilkinson, David - Professor	Canada Section Electrochemical Award from the The Electrochemical Society. The award, established in 1981 and awarded every four years, recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of electrochemistry in Canada.
SEP 2022	APPLIED SCIENCE - Civil Engineering	Sayed, Tarek - Professor	Thomas C. Keefer Medal from the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering. The Keefer Medal, established in 1941, is presented annually for the best civil engineering paper in hydrotechnical, transportation, or environmental engineering.
SEP 2022	APPLIED SCIENCE - Electrical & Computer Engineering	Shekhar, Sudip - Assistant Professor	Schmidt Science Polymaths Award from Schmidt Futures. The awards build upon Schmidt Futures' commitment to identifying and supporting extraordinary talent, and growing networks empowered to solve hard problems in science and society.
SEP 2022	APPLIED SCIENCE - Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ward, Rabab - Professor Emerita	IEEE Fourier Award for Signal Processing from the IEEE, given for "outstanding contributions to advancing signal processing techniques and their practical applications, and for technical leadership.
SEP 2022	APPLIED SCIENCE - Mechanical Engineering	Frigaard, Ian - Professor	Stanley G. Mason Award from The Canadian Society of Rheology. The Mason Award recognizes contributions to Canadian rheology, and is only awarded once every three years.

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SEP 2022	APPLIED SCIENCE - UBCO - School of Engineering	Arjmand, Mohammed - Assistant Professor	Canadian Society of Chemical Engineering (CSCHE) Innovation Award from the Chemical Institute of Canada. The award recognizes an individual under the age of 40 for a distinguished contribution to the field of chemical engineering.
SEP 2022	ARTS - Anthropology	Kramer, Jennifer - Associate Professor	YWCA Women of Distinction 2022 Awards, category: Reconciliation in Action - Indigenous Ally.
SEP 2022	ARTS - Asian Studies	Thobani, Sunera - Professor	Lifetime Achievement Award from the Dr. Hari Sharma Foundation for the Advancement of South Asians (April, 2022).
SEP 2022	ARTS - Geography	Ley, David - Professor Emeritus	Elected as one of the 47 Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FACSS) (UK).
SEP 2022	ARTS - Geography	Valadares, Desirée - Assistant Professor	Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) Research Fellowship in Montreal. This is a competitive research grant that brings together a small cohort of 3 junior scholars in architectural history and theory. Dr. Valadares will be in residency in August, working on a project called, "Staging the Scenic" which studies labor histories of scenic byway designations across Canada — with a focus on BC's roads and highways. Her research will be archival-based and focused on the CCA's collections related to infrastructure, travelogues and highway promotion in Canada.
SEP 2022	ARTS - History	Webster, Crystal - Assistant Professor	Received an American Association of University Women postdoctoral fellowship for 2022-23 for her project "Criminalizing Freedom: African Americans and the Making of Criminal Reform in Early America".

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SEP 2022	ARTS - iSchool	O' Brien, Heather - Associate Professor	Awarded the 2022 ASIS&T Research in Information Science Award. https://www.asist.org/2022/06/15/heather-obrien-receives-association-for-information-science-and-technology-asist-research-ininformation-science-award/
SEP 2022	ARTS - School of Journalism, Writing, and Media	Maraj, Louis - Assistant Professor	His book Black or Right: Anti/Racist Campus Rhetorics won the 2022 Outstanding Book Award from the Conference on College Composition and Communication.
SEP 2022	ARTS - School of Public Policy and Global Affairs	Hoberg, George - Professor	2022 Donald Smiley Prize by the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) for his book, The Resistance Dilemma: Place-Based Movements and the Climate Crisis (MIT Press, 2021).
SEP 2022	FORESTRY/APPLIED SCIENCE - Wood Science and Chemical and Biological Engineering	Cranston, Emily - Associate Professor	LeSueur Memorial Award by the Society of Chemical Industry. Awarded to exceptional individuals for their work in the development of technical excellence, LeSueur Memorial Award recipients are honoured for their innovation and ingenuity within the Canadian chemical industry.
SEP 2022	LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS/FORESTRY - Applied Biology/Forest and Conservation Sciences	Krzic, Maja - Associate Professor	Fellow of the Canadian Society of Soil Science. Dr. Krzic is one of two CSSS members named as fellows annually for their acclaimed accomplishments in soil science and service to the Society. Fellows are awarded for their personal and professional achievements within the field as well as their positive impact on the soil science research community.

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SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Cullis, Pieter - Professor	2022 Tang Prize in Biopharmaceutical Science from the Tang Prize Foundation. Awarded in recognition of Dr. Cullis' work developing the lipid nanoparticle technology that enabled mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Family Practice	Avery, Granger - Clinical Professor	Appointed a member of the Order of Canada for his incisive leadership in the practice of rural medicine and for his tireless commitment to improving Canada's health care system.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Medicine	Enarson, Donald - Professor (Former)	Posthumously appointed an officer of the Order of Canada for his work as a scientist, professor and physician who has contributed to greater understanding and improvement of lung health and global tuberculosis control.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Medicine and Biomedical Engineering	Laksman, Zachary - Assistant Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding basic science research and scholarly contributions in the areas of health and life sciences.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Ophthalmology	Dubord, Paul - Professor Emeritus	Appointed an officer of the Order of Canada for his contributions to ophthalmology and for his tireless humanitarian work on the international stage, notably in India.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	Bryce, Elizabeth - Clinical Professor	2022 Women of Distinction Award - Research, Sciences and Technology category from the YWCA. This award honours extraordinary women leaders for their contributions to the well-being of communities across Metro Vancouver.

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SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	Kizhakkedathu, Jayachandran - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding basic science research and scholarly contributions in the areas of health and life sciences.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	Wellington, Cheryl - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Clinical or Applied Research from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding clinical or applied research and scholarly contributions.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Physical Therapy	Li, Linda - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Clinical or Applied Research from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding clinical or applied research and scholarly contributions.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Population and Public Health	Schechter, Martin - Professor	Named a member of the Order of Canada for his groundbreaking research in HIV/AIDS treatment protocols and for his leadership in the development of numerous leading-edge health institutes.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Surgery	Caron, Nadine - Professor	Appointed to the Order of British Columbia for her achievements, which include being the first general surgeon of First Nations descent in Canada, first Indigenous female medical school graduate of UBC, and a longtime advocate for equity in the health care system.

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SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Surgery	MacNeill, Andrea - Clinical Associate Professor	2022 Women of Distinction Award - Environmental Sustainability category from the YWCA. This award honours extraordinary women leaders for their contributions to the well-being of communities across Metro Vancouver.
SEP 2022	SCIENCE - Computer Science	Conati, Cristina - Professor	2022 Educational Data Mining Test of Time award for her paper: "Combining Unsupervised and Supervised Classification to Build User Models for Exploratory Learning." The award goes to a selected paper that appears in an EDM publication more than 8 years ago and /stands the test of time/ by having a strong influence in subsequent corresponding movements in EDM or in educational practice more broadly.
SEP 2022	SCIENCE - Computer Science	van de Panne, Michiel - Professor	SIGGRAPH Computer Graphics Achievement award and named to the SIGGRAPH Academy. The award is given to an individual for making sustained and significant contributions to a specific area of computer graphics. He won for advancing the field by suggesting new directions that have resulted in large steps forward. He challenges existing solutions, and finishes with an insightful piece of new knowledge that extends the state-of-the-art in machine learning. Michiel's work reverberates throughout the computer graphics and robotics communities.

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SEP 2022	SCIENCE - Computer Science	Yi, Kwang Moo - Assistant Professor	IEEE Senior Member - Institute of Electrical Engineering; Senior members are of the highest member standing and must be an engineer, scientist, educator, technical executive or originator in IEEE-designated fields. They must be in professional practice for at least ten years and show significant performance over a period of at least five of those years.
SEP 2022	UBC OKANAGAN - HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - School of Social Work	Graham, John - Professor	Named fellow of American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. The Academy is an honorific society of distinguished scholars and practitioners dedicated to achieving excellence in the field of social work and social welfare through high-impact work that advances social good. There are 140 Fellows world-wide, and John Graham is the first Canadian to have been so awarded. Outstanding, internationally recognized and cited contributions to social work and social welfare research.
SEP 2022	UBC OKANAGAN - IRVING K. BARBER FACULTY OF SCIENCE - Chemistry	Dang, Thuy T. - Assistant Professor	Young Investigator Award as the outstanding early career scientist in 2022 among the members of the Phytochemical Society of North America (PSNA). Her TPJ-PSNA Award Lecture was entitled "Plant-based anticancer drugs - from discovery to final products".

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SEP 2022	EDUCATION - Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education	Kassan, Anusha - Associate Professor	Excellence in Clinical Supervision Award, from the Psychology Association of Alberta. This award is presented to a registered psychologist whose performance in supervising one or more individuals in any practice area is deemed exemplary during the previous two-year period.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Medicine	Hatala, Rose - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Education from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of significant contributions to health education in the areas of leadership, innovation, and/or scholarship of education.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Pediatrics	Voss, Christine - Assistant Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Education from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of significant contributions to health education in the areas of leadership, innovation, and/or scholarship of education.
SEP 2022	PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES	Min, Jason - Assistant Professor of Teaching	AFPC Award for Innovation in Education, from the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy in Canada.
SEP 2022	PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES	Pearson, Marion - Professor of Teaching	AFPC Educational Scholarship Poster Award, from the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy in Canada.
SEP 2022	IRVING K. BARBER FACULTY OF SCIENCE - Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Statistics	Hui, Bowen - Associate Professor of Teaching, Associate Head of Undergraduate Affairs (CMPS)	UBCO Provost Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation. This award acknowledges teaching excellence and innovation at UBC's Okanagan campus. The successful award winner(s) will be exemplary role models who have and will continue to have a significant impact on the culture of teaching and learning on the Okanagan campus, and beyond.
SEP 2022	IRVING K. BARBER FACULTY OF SCIENCE - Chemistry	Freeman, Tamara - Assistant Professor	Margaret-Ann Armour Award for Early Career Chemistry Education, from the Chemical Institute of Canada. This award recognizes Dr. Freeman's outstanding contributions to undergraduate education in chemistry. She presented her Award Lecture at the annual CCCE entitled "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants".

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SEP 2022	ARTS - Anthropology	Martindale, Andrew - Professor	Appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Residential Schools Missing Children and Unmarked Burials.
SEP 2022	ARTS - Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice / APPLIED SCIENCE - School of Community and Regional Planning	Angeles, Leonora - Associate Professor	Dean's Service Award (Faculty of Applied Science); The Award for Excellence in Service recognizes faculty who, through leadership, service, and administrative activities, make substantial positive, high-impact contributions to their Departments, Schools and the Faculty as a whole. It is through these efforts that the Faculty of Applied Science provides students with the highest quality educational experience.
SEP 2022	ARTS - Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice	Mahtani, Minelle - Associate Professor	Gold Digital Publishing Award for Best Personal Essay. The Digital Publishing Awards recognize and promote excellence in the content and creation of Canadian digital publications through an annual program of awards and national publicity efforts.
SEP 2022	ARTS - History	Tworek, Heidi - Associate Professor	Prof. Tworek will be the new Vice-President of the Toynbee Prize Foundation. Named after Arnold J. Toynbee, the Foundation was chartered in 1987 "to contribute to the development of the social sciences, as defined from a broad historical view of human society and of human and social problems." The Foundation seeks to promote scholarly engagement with global history.
SEP 2022	ARTS - History	Menkis, Richard - Associate Professor	Named a "Life Fellow" of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, an honour which was awarded in June 2022.

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SEP 2022	ARTS - History	John, Henry - Sessional Lecturer	Public Engagement Award for graduate students from the Public Humanities Hub at UBC-Vancouver. The nomination package provided a compelling summary of the ways in which Henry has exhibited outstanding public humanities engagement in the past two years. The committee members were particularly impressed with how he initiated a lasting partnership between Ts'uubaa-asatx Nation and Kaatza Station Museum, and the tremendous impact that he achieved in such a short period of time.
SEP 2022	ARTS - School of Public Policy and Global Affairs and Department of Political Science	Lightfoot, Sheryl - Associate Professor	Joined the UN working group dedicated to Indigenous Truth, Reconciliation, and Transitional Justice. After a two-week forum at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, the UN's Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues adopted its final report on May 6. A major highlight of the report was the Forum's decision to create a working group dedicated to truth, reconciliation, and transitional justice, including in post-conflict areas, for lasting peace that respects the rights of Indigenous Peoples and promotes their full and effective inclusion, including Indigenous women.
SEP 2022	ARTS - Philosophy	Brownlee, Kimberley - Professor	Awarded the American Philosophical Association's 2021 Public Philosophy Co-Ed Contest, for the following piece: https://blog.oup.com/2020/07/social-needs-are-a-human-right/

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SEP 2022	LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS	Karakochuk, Crystal - Assistant Professor, Human Nutrition	Named to the editorial board of The Journal of Nutrition. In addition to being an Assistant Professor in Human Nutrition at UBC, she's an Investigator at the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute and Women's Health Research Institute.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Surgery	Caron, Nadine - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Advancement of Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the area of Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness through research, teaching, or service.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Radiology	Khosa, Faisal - Associate Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Advancement of Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the area of Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness through research, teaching, or service.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Pediatrics	Pike, Ian - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Service to the University and Community, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of significant contributions to local, national, or international communities aimed at improved health outcomes of the population.

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SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Ophthalmology	Yeung, Sonia - Assistant Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence - Early Career, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the areas of research, education, and service.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Munro, Sarah - Assistant Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence - Early Career, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the areas of research, education, and service.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Medicine	Fairbairn, Nadia - Assistant Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence - Early Career, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the areas of research, education, and service.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Medicine	Brunham, Liam - Associate Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence - Mid-Career, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the areas of research, education, and service.

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SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Medical Genetics	Jones, Steven - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence - Senior Faculty, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the areas of research, education, and service.
SEP 2022	MEDICINE - Psychiatry	Lam, Raymond - Professor	2022 Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence - Senior Faculty, from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the areas of research, education, and service.
SEP 2022	SCIENCE - Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries; Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability / ARTS - Geography	Donner, Simon - Professor	Appointed to the federal government's Net-Zero Advisory Body, to give advice on how Canada can achieve its goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.