



VIUFA HRIS Committee – Fall 2018

Several activities were either sponsored or initiated during the Fall semester. Members of the HRIS committee include: Eliza Gardiner, David Lemire, and Ann Rogers.

October 2: HRIS partnered with VIU's Global Studies Program in hosting the Inter Pares 2018 Speaking Tour on Women's Rights, Human Rights. The focus was on women's reproductive health in the Philippines, with speakers, Lina Bacalando and Joy Salgado, from the Likhaan Centre for Women's Health, as well as, Layla Robbie, People and Culture Manager, Haven Society of Nanaimo.

October 22: HRIS partnered with Vancouver Communities in Solidarity with Cuba in hosting Dr. Steve Ellner to speak on Venezuela's current situation regarding economic and human rights issues.

November 1: HRIS hosted the film *Voices in the Clouds* (2010), through the Worldbridger Film Series, as a prelude to the Taiwanese feminist scholars speaking November 2. The film is about a man of mixed heritage who discovers his indigenous Taiwanese ancestry, Atayal. He begins a journey to deepen the connections to his roots and become an advocate for his people. Imogene facilitated a discussion following the film

November 2: HRIS co-hosted with VIUFA's Status of Women guest speakers Drs. Lin and Siku, *Indigenous Women's Cultural Production and Political Activism in Taiwan: The Cases of Four Indigenous Women*. Drs. Lin and Siku's visit was supported by VIU's Office of Aboriginal Education and International Education, and UVic's Lansdowne Lecture Series.

HRIS supported VIUFA's Status of Women's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, including two activities on the Cowichan Campus: November 28, screening of *Tough Guise 2*, followed by discussion led by Imogene; December 5, Reading Circle on *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Gowda, led by Imogene.

A Reading Circle, again with *Secret Daughter*, will be offered on the Nanaimo Campus, February 7. Plans are underway to support the FPSE Speakers Series in bringing Taiaiake Alfred to both Cowichan and Nanaimo Campuses in late January-early February to promote the *Decolonization Manual*. As well, Imogene is in discussion with community partners (CVIMS and Literacy Nanaimo) and International Education about bringing The Shoe Project (immigrant and refugee women program/production) to Nanaimo.

Respectfully submitted,

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