

**Asian Canadians and First Nations on the Islands:  
Sharing Stories, Re-Connecting Communities**

Wednesday, February 24

Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Campus  
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- 9:00AM **Welcome and introduction:** Imogene Lim, VIU  
• Opening: Louise Mandell, Chancellor, VIU
- 9:15AM **Panel 1, Asian Canadians and the Communities:**  
Moderator, John Price, UVic  
• Gurdev Attariwala, Life at Hillcrest and Beyond  
• Masako Fukawa, Nanaimo and the Nikkei  
• Dick Jung, Nanaimo and the Chinatown Fire  
**Comments and Discussion**
- 10:30AM **Break**
- 10:45AM **Panel 2, Local Historians Recount the Past:**  
Moderator, Faith Takishita, VIU  
• Margaret Horsfield, author of *Tofino and Clayoquot Sound: A History* (2014); *Voices from the Sound: Chronicles of Clayoquot Sound and Tofino, 1899-1929* (2008)  
• Janette Glover-Geidt, author of *The Friendly Port: A History of Union Bay* (1990)  
• Brenda McCorquodale, monthly history columnist for the *North Island Gazette*  
**Comments and Discussion**

- 12:10PM **Presentation**
- 12:15PM **Lunch, on-site**
- 1:00PM **Panel 3, Indigenous Connections:**  
Moderator, Christine O'Bonsawin, UVic  
• Margarita James, Land of Maquinna Cultural Society  
• Jodi Simkin and Rod Naknakim, Nuyumbalees Culture Centre  
**Comments and Discussion**
- 2:30PM **Break**
- 2:45PM **Panel 4, Next Generation:**  
Moderator: Imogene Lim, VIU  
• Julia Bristow  
• Jordan Peterman  
**Comments and Discussion**
- 3:45PM **Wrap-Up**



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