

Institute of Practical Philosophy

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Founded by Bob Lane, the Institute promotes innovative ways of exploring contemporary social and political problems. The Institute has, for example, hosted a conference on B.C.'s new health care consent and representation agreement legislation, offered an upper level course in health care ethics at NRGH, developed a clinical case consultation workshop, and hosted several symposia on such topics as genetically modified foods, environmental ethics, and social and political issues in Latin America. The Institute also publishes a chapbook series on a number of topics including health care ethics and effective social responses to crime.

In the fall of 2016, the IPP published an anthology chap book, *Justice in the Justice System? Essays on Crime and Punishment in Canada*. It also hosted two public talks: *Will the Real Science Please Stand Up? The Problem of Demarcating Science from Pseudo-Science* by Evan Westre, a VIU and UVic graduate, and *Evidence in Criminal Cases: Credibility and Admissibility* by Douglas Halfyard, a retired judge.

In the spring of 2017, the IPP hosted a public presentation *Conscience, The Law, and Assisted Death* by Gary Bauslaugh, writer and former VP of Instruction and Planning at Malaspina University-College. The IPP also hosted VIU's first undergraduate philosophy conference, *Thought Forum*, which attracted students from VIU, TRU, UVic, and King's College.

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