

Vancouver Island University and Vancouver Island Regional Library proudly present:

THE PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ

SPRING LINEUP (2020)

Come join us at the Philosophers' Café – a public forum for debate. Each Café is on a different topic, briefly introduced by a knowledgeable presenter and opened to the floor for general discussion. Pose questions, present arguments, hear opposing viewpoints, and join in on the fun as we discuss tricky issues, theories, concepts and more!

THE REPLICATION CRISIS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology research has led to discoveries that are new and exciting, but, despite concerted efforts, often can't be replicated. Does this failure in replication point to a deeper problem – in methodology, research incentives, or criteria for knowledge?

Stephanie McKenzie has taught in the VIU Psychology Department since 2010. Her special interests are historical and theoretical psychology, with an emphasis on personhood and agency.

Wednesday, February 26th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

MERGING WORLDS IN PRISON

Prison walls not only keep people in, but also keep them out. Through organized activities and courses, can we bring people together from either side of these walls and transform their respective experiences?

Joanne Falvai is a faculty member in Criminology and the director of the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program at VIU. Inside-Out offers university courses to students both incarcerated and non-incarcerated, who learn together at the prison.

Wednesday, March 11th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

PERSPECTIVE AND POLITICAL POLARIZATION

Politics is full of deep and hostile disagreements. Are they rooted in different ways of viewing the world – through objective or subjective lenses? By understanding these contrasting perspectives, can we develop more effective political discourse?

Aidan Collier studied philosophy at UBC and UVic, and he teaches part-time at VIU. His philosophical interests include ethical and political issues concerning sport or media consumption.

Wednesday, April 8th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

All Cafés are held free of charge at the Nanaimo Harbourfront Library (90 Commercial Street). After 5:00 pm, free parking is available at the Bastion Parkade (Skinner and Bastion).

