



St. John's College UBC  
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presents the  
R. Grant Ingram Distinguished Speaker Program for 2013



# *An Evening with Larry Grant*

Friday, October 25, 2013  
St. John's College UBC



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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# PROGRAM

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Fairmont Social Lounge**

Reception

Children's Book Launch of *Let's Take a Walk!*  
by Elder Larry Grant and Sarah Ling -

**6:45 PM**

**van der Linden Dining Hall**

Welcome Remarks from Councillor H. Wade Grant, and Dr. Henry Yu

**7:00 PM**

*A Tribute to Larry* - Film by Sarah Ling and Alejandro Yoshizawa

**7:15 PM - 7:45 PM**

Dinner

**7:45 - 8:30 PM**

Conversation with Elder Larry Grant in conversation  
with H. Wade Grant, and Dr. Henry Yu

**8:30 - 8:45 PM**

Q & A with Elder Grant

**8:45 - 9:00 PM**

Presentations and Closing Remarks

**9:00 PM**

Book signing with Elder Larry Grant and Sarah Ling



## Elder Larry Grant

### Biography

Elder Larry Grant is of Musqueam and Chinese ancestry. His hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m name is sṽəyətəq, and his Cantonese name is Hong Lai Hing. Born on a hop field as a premature baby in Agassiz, B.C., Elder Grant was raised in Musqueam territory. He is the descendant of qiyəplənəxʷ (Capilano) and xʷəlciməltxʷ, Musqueam warriors who welcomed the first English and Spanish explorers to Musqueam territory. He is also the son of Hong Tim Hing, one of many Chinese market gardeners who farmed within the Musqueam community during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

After working four decades as a tradesman from 1955-1999, Elder Grant enrolled in the First Nations Language Program (FNLG) at the University of British Columbia (UBC) to reconnect with his mother's ancestral language, hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m. This learning process awoke his memory of the hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m language he heard throughout his life since childhood, and its embedded value regarding self-identity, kinship, culture, territory, and history prior to European contact.

Elder Grant is truly devoted to Musqueam-driven efforts to revitalize hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m, one of over 60 distinct Indigenous languages in Canada that are endangered due to the detrimental effects of Indian residential schools. Since 2000, he has been teaching hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m as an Adjunct Professor for UBC FNLG. This program runs in collaboration with the Musqueam community and has grown to offer several courses and draws in both Musqueam community members and UBC students to maintain and develop a speaker-base for hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m.

Elder Grant's work to revitalize hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m is crucial not only to the well-being of Musqueam and its unique cultural identity, but it is also vital as an aspect of BC and Canadian heritage. Across the UBC-Vancouver campus where students from over 140 countries gather to learn, he has been instrumental in naming initiatives to increase the presence and use of hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m. For instance, he was a lead representative in the Naming Advisory Committee for the Totem Park Residence Infill Buildings in 2011, which led to the naming of two dormitory buildings after two significant Musqueam place names. He has also helped to name the Institute for Aboriginal Health teaching and research garden at the UBC Farm and the Indigenous Studies Undergraduate Journal produced by the First Nations Studies Student Association.

As Elder-in-Residence for the First Nations House of Learning since 2000, he provides guidance and teachings based on his life experiences, including the importance of following Musqueam protocols. He regularly welcomes and shares his knowledge with Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and visitors from around the world who gather at the UBC Longhouse for gatherings such as conferences, dialogues, and weekly student luncheons. Serving as Elder-in-Residence has also provided Elder Grant with countless opportunities to advance Musqueam's presence on campus by doing welcomes and presentations to different faculties, staff units, student orientations and academic gatherings. Elder Grant plays a fundamental role in increasing awareness and understanding of the unceded Musqueam lands that the University sits upon and legislation that continues to deny the Aboriginal Title, Rights, and Treaty Rights of his community and other Indigenous nations across Canada.

## Elder Larry Grant

### *Biography Cont'd*

Elder Grant has served his Musqueam community in a variety of capacities. From 1993-1998, he was a band counselor for the Musqueam Indian Band. From 1999-2001, he was appointed the Musqueam Fisheries Commission. In 2010 during the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, he helped form the *cecəw stəłqayəʔ* (Coastal Wolf Pack) group of Coast Salish singers and dancers. In 2012, he was a project lead and participant for the Chinese Market Garden Project, an initiative that documented the history of Chinese market gardening at Musqueam by collecting oral histories, archival documents, and family photographs that are now stored in the Musqueam Archives.

Currently, he works as the Musqueam Language and Culture Consultant and is a member of the Musqueam Language and Culture Committee. Through these roles, Elder Grant has contributed to the creation of exhibits at both the Museum of Anthropology and the Musqueam Cultural Education Resource Centre and Gallery through which Musqueam people can share their history and culture from their own perspectives and in their own language. He is also on the committee for the international exhibit from New Zealand that is currently at Musqueam entitled "Te Ara: Māori Pathways of Leadership past, present, and future." This exhibit will be returned directly to the Māori people in New Zealand by a delegation of Musqueam youth and community members in the spring of 2014, including Elder Grant.

Elder Grant's passion for advancing knowledge about the long history of Chinese and First Nations relations in Canada has also enhanced public initiatives including *The Dialogues Project* in Vancouver, which brought together First Nations, urban Aboriginals and immigrant communities to increase understanding and strengthen relations between these groups. Elder Grant was on the project steering group for this initiative and participated as a member. He also shared his knowledge through the *Chinese Canadian Stories* project which involved UBC, SFU and 29 community groups to record lost and marginalized histories of early Chinese immigrants. His oral histories were recorded and edited into short films now available on this web portal: <http://chinesecanadian.ubc.ca>.

Elder Grant is actively involved in the lives of students at both of UBC's graduate residential colleges. He is an Honorary Life Fellow of Green College and a Faculty Fellow at St. John's College (SJC), contributing to the creation of healthy and diverse international communities that are engaged with both local and transnational issues and dialogues. This year, he has been invited to be the speaker for the Grant Ingram Distinguished Visiting Lecture Program at SJC.

## Councillor H. Wade Grant

### ***Biography***

First elected to Musqueam Chief & Council in 2004, Wade Grant has been a Musqueam Councillor for the past eight years.

Wade is currently the Economic Development Coordinator for Musqueam First Nation. He was appointed to the Vancouver Police Board in 2010. He is also a Board member on the Aboriginal Tourism BC Board, the Laurier Institute Board, the Canadian Blood Services National Blood Bank Board and is Co-Chair of the Vancouver Dialogues Project. At UBC, he is on the Faculty of Education Dean's External Advisory Committee.

During the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, Wade was Assistant General Manager of the Four Host Nations Aboriginal Pavilion. He has acted as a policy analyst for the BC Assembly of First Nations and as executive assistant to the Solicitor General of British Columbia. He holds a BA in Political Science from UBC and attended UBC Law School.

Wade, his wife Maureen and two children, Eli and Isla, live on the Musqueam Indian Reserve.

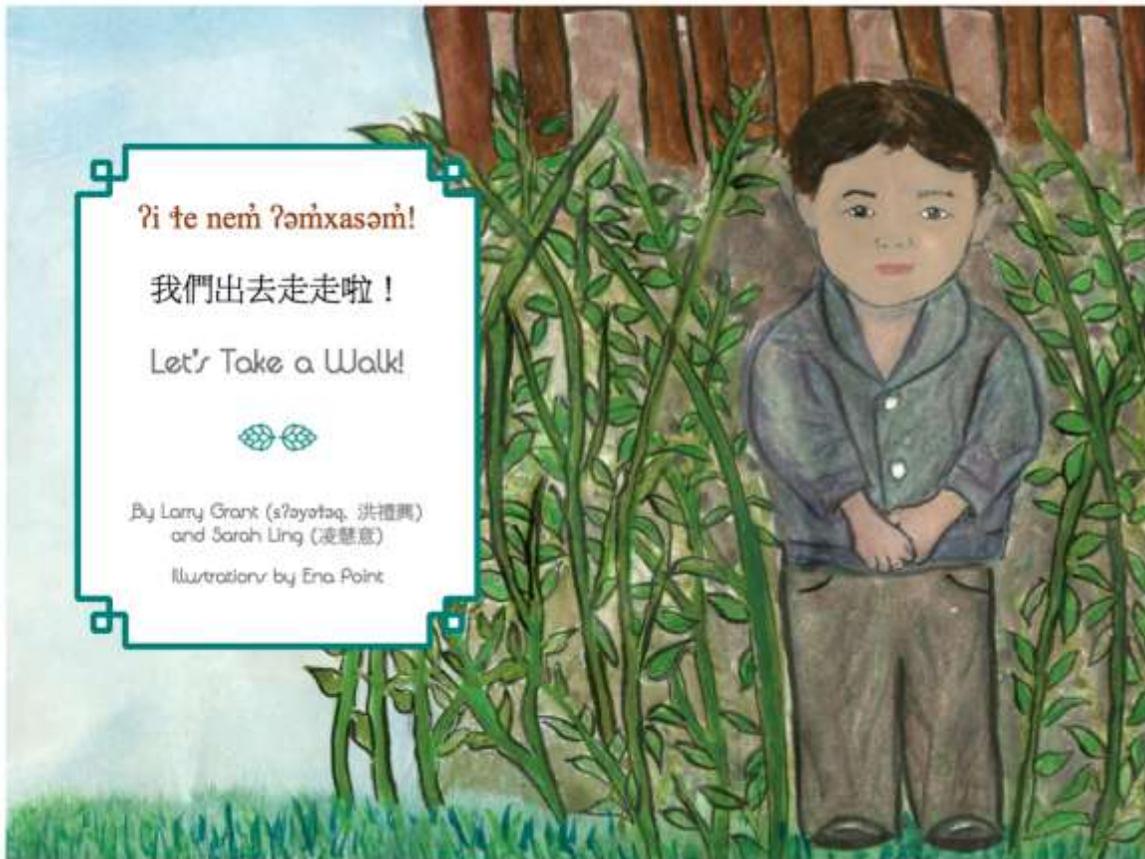
## Dr. Henry Yu

### ***Biography***

Prof. Henry Yu was born in Vancouver, B.C., and received his BA in Honours History from UBC and an MA and PhD in History from Princeton University. Besides being the Principal of St. John's College, Yu is involved in the collaborative effort to re-imagine the history of Vancouver and of Canada by focusing on how migrants from Asia, Europe, and other parts of the Americas engaged with each other and with First Nations peoples historically. He was the Co-Chair of the City of Vancouver's project, "Dialogues between First Nations, Urban Aboriginal, and Immigrant Communities" (<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/socialplanning/dialoguesproject>).

Professor Yu is committed to expanding the engagement between academic research and the communities which the university serves. Between 2010-2012, he was the Project Lead for the \$1.175 million "Chinese Canadian Stories" project ([chinesecanadian.ubc.ca](http://chinesecanadian.ubc.ca)) involving universities and a wide spectrum of over 29 community organizations across Canada. In 2012 he was honoured for his work with a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal. He is currently writing a book entitled "Pacific Canada," a second book entitled "How Tiger Woods Lost His Stripes," as well as a third book project which examines the history of Chinese migration in the Pacific world.

## Launch of a new children's book...



ʔi ʔe nem ʔəmxasəm!, 我們出去走走啦! , Let's Take a Walk!" and the accompanying CD contribute to language resources developed to encourage hə́ŋqəmińə́m revitalization. It is written by Larry Grant and Sarah Ling through the UBC First Nations Language Program with support from the Musqueam Language and Culture Department.

Based on the childhood of Larry Grant, this story takes place in the late 1930's at the village site of xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Reserve 2). The illustrations are by Musqueam community member Ena Point, and the audio CD includes hə́ŋqəmińə́m, Cantonese, Mandarin and English recordings.

Each copy is \$20 and comes with an audio CD. Please pay by cash or a check. Proceeds will go towards the development of language materials for Musqueam children and youth. For inquiries: [sarah.ling@alumni.ubc.ca](mailto:sarah.ling@alumni.ubc.ca) or 604-837-0970.

## R. Grant Ingram Distinguished Visiting Lecture Program

Ingram (1945-2007) was a distinguished physical oceanographer. In addition to his work as founding Principal of St. John's College, he was Dean of Science Pro Tem, Strategic Planning and research in the Faculty of Science, and Principal of Interdisciplinary Studies. Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Helen Burt, Dr. Grant Ingram's wife, and one of St. John's College's Faculty Fellows, the Grant Ingram Distinguished Lecturer program was established at St. John's College to honour Dr. Ingram and his contributions to the College.

### Previous Grant Ingram Speakers

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