

**Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre
Vancouver Island University**

Annual Report 2014-15

Overview

This report covers the period from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, during which the Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre at Vancouver Island University has continued its research and outreach activities on a number of fronts, in the quiet way adopted in recent years. This year's Malaspina Lecturer was Douglas White J.D., Director of the Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation at VIU, who spoke on "Treaty Relations in the Age of Recognition."

Personnel

Department(s)

Director:	Dr. John Black	Liberal Studies & Philosophy
Associated Scholars:	Dr. Ana María Donat	Modern Languages
	Dr. Oscar Clemotte Silvero	Philosophy
	Dr. Erik Liddell	Eastern Kentucky University
Honorary Associates:	Dr. Robin Fisher	Mount Royal University (retd.)
	Dr. Barry Gough	Professor Emeritus, Wilfrid Laurier
	Robin Inglis	Director, North Van. Museum (retd.)
	Ian Johnston	Liberal Studies and English (retd.)
	Dr. Russell McNeil	Liberal Studies and Physics (retd.)
	Josie Osborne	Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

Student Research Assistant: Lic. Rocío Rangel Macias

Centre Research Projects

Translation and Web Publication of Source Documents

The project of translating, among other documents, the letters of Alexandro Malaspina and historical newspaper articles about him and his expedition, for publication on the Centre's website, continues with the assistance of Rocío Rangel Macias. New facsimiles continue to be provided by Australian private scholar Robert King.

Public Events and Other Activity

Malaspina Lecture

The 2014 Malaspina Lecturer was Douglas White J.D., Director of the Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation, who spoke on November 27, 2014, on the topic of “Treaty Relations in the Age of Recognition.”

Alexandro Malaspina Liberal Studies Award

The recipient of the 2015 Award, which honours both Alexandro Malaspina’s broad range of intellectual achievement and a VIU Liberal Studies student’s success in interdisciplinary study, is Helena Snopek.

Respectfully submitted,

John Black
Director
Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre
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