

**Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre
Vancouver Island University**

Annual Report 2018-19

Overview

This report covers the period from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, 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. The Malaspina Lecturer for 2018-19 was Pablo Restrepo-Gautier, who gave a talk entitled *The Summer of the Nootka Crisis at Yuquot: The Accounts of Captain Martínez and Fray Francisco Miguel Sánchez*.

Personnel

Director: Dr. John Black

Associated Scholars:	Dr. Erik Liddell	Eastern Kentucky University
	Dr. David Livingstone	Liberal Studies/Political Studies

Honorary Associates:	Dr. Robin Fisher	Mount Royal University (retd.)
	Robin Inglis	Director, North Van. Museum (retd.)
	Ian Johnston	VIU Liberal Studies/English (retd.)
	Dr. Russell McNeil	VIU Liberal Studies/Physics (retd.)
	Dr. Brad Piekola	VIU Psychology (retd.)

|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, has reached a culmination. All such documents currently in the Centre's possession have been translated and posted. In May 2019, John Black will visit the Archivio-Museo dei Malaspina in Mulazzo, Italy, in search of new material for this endeavour.

Public Events and Other Activity

Malaspina Lecture

Prof. Pablo Restrepo-Gautier of the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies at the University of Victoria discussed his work, undertaken in collaboration with AMRC Research Associate Robin Inglis, translating Spanish documents bearing on the so-called Nootka Crisis, late 18th-century diplomatic crisis between Spain and Britain, and related political and cultural interactions, arising at the summer village of the Mowachaht people.

The Compass Rose

The collaboration with the Liberal Studies Department, an online journal for undergraduate students (at <http://wordpress.viu.ca/compassrose/>), has completed its fourth annual issue. The journal is “for students of all disciplines, seeking essays which succeed in transcending the compartmentalization of discipline and address matters of importance to the human whole: questions to which the great works in the liberal arts tradition point us.”

Alexandro Malaspina Liberal Studies Award

The recipients of the 2018 Award, which honours both Alexandro Malaspina’s broad range of intellectual achievement and VIU Liberal Studies students’ success in interdisciplinary study, were Sophie Gilmore and Chris Shanks.

Respectfully submitted,

John Black
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