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## Research springs onto centre stage at free two-day event at the Royal BC Museum

**VICTORIA, BC**—Ever wondered what occupies staff at the Royal BC Museum when they aren't collaborating on exhibitions, fielding questions from the public or participating in learning activities?

Original research is a huge component of work among many museum and archives employees.

On Friday, April 12 and Saturday April 13, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, researchers from the **museum's** curatorial, archival and learning teams will discuss their recent research accomplishments and findings with the public at a free event: The Spring Institute.

The Spring Institute features 16 different presentations, broken into four themed sessions, in Newcombe Conference Hall, on the ground floor of the Royal BC Museum.

"I am proud of our achievements in research, which are as innovative as they are compelling, looking at global issues through a local BC lens," **said Prof. Jack Lohman CBE, CEO of the Royal BC Museum.** "Research will drive the development of the new narratives that we are exploring. It is an exciting world of the future."

Members of the public are welcome to drop in for a single presentation, a session or the full day. The full schedule of events is available at <https://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/spring-institute>.

Reflecting its provincial mandate, Royal BC Museum research is rooted in BC's natural and/or human history, but is often also connected to global patterns, phenomena and concerns.

Research also drives future exhibitions. For example, Dr. Lorne Hammond's talk will focus on pop culture representations of the Orca—a theme that will be reflected in a 2020 Royal BC Museum feature exhibition.

**This year's presentation topics range from the** diet of Common Wall Lizards to 19<sup>th</sup> Century Japanese photographic paintings; from tiny flies you can (barely) see now, to tail clubs on dinosaurs long extinct.

You can find more information about Royal BC Museum research staff, their areas of scholarly interest and their work in the lab, in our collections and in the field and marine environments on the Research Portal:

<https://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/collections/research/research-portal>

About the Royal BC Museum



The Royal BC Museum explores the **province's human history and natural history**, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Located in Victoria on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC—onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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