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Chronicling 75 Years of Lifelong Learning at UBC

VANCOUVER, BC (December 4, 2012): James Mulligan wanted to incorporate social responsibility into his business. His decision to do work that has positive impact on the world led him to pursue the UBC Continuing Studies Award of Achievement in Sustainability Management and the UBC Certificate in Project Management. Soon after completing his studies he started his own company, Social Conscience, which sells fair trade sports balls. “I wanted to get more involved in the community,” Mulligan says, “There’s so much work I want to do, and I love what I’m doing. This business has the potential to make a difference.”

This theme along with other stories about the extensive range of continuing education programs offered by the University of British Columbia over the last 75 years are captured in a new book, Transformations: A History of UBC Continuing Studies, by historians Dr. Scott McLean and Dr. Eric Damer.

This engaging book narrates the history of UBC Continuing Studies and its historical predecessors — the Centre for Continuing Education, the Department of University Extension, and the University Extension Committee. From 1918 through to the present, these organizations have provided a wide range of educational opportunities for people interested in enriching their lives, advancing their careers, and making positive contributions to their communities.

About the book: “A fascinating, readable, and splendidly-illustrated account of UBC’s pioneering contributions to adult learning in British Columbia,” describes Dr. Herbert Rosengarten, published author and former head of UBC’s Department of English.

While the book focuses on the evolution of programs and services provided by UBC to adult learners, it contributes to a much larger story about the relationship between UBC and social changes that influenced British Columbia and the world in the twentieth century.

The book is available for purchase on the Continuing Studies website (cstudies.ubc.ca/book) or by calling 604.822.8075.
About the Authors:
Dr. Scott McLean is the Director of Continuing Education at the University of Calgary. Dr. Eric Damer has published three previous books on UBC.

About UBC Continuing Studies:
UBC Continuing Studies collaborates with a wide range of campus and community partners to offer academic programs for adult learners. With over 20,000 enrolments annually, UBC Continuing Studies offerings include more than 90 online courses and over 20 professional certificate programs.

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