



The Below the Radar podcast experiment to program in a different kind of way for SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement in the Fall of 2018. We had successfully presented hundreds of public events in the Office around three themes since its founding in 2010: 1) social and environmental justice 2) arts, culture and community and 3) urban issues. We brought a decolonial analysis and a strong justice, equity, diversity and inclusion lens into our work.

While we initiated the Below the Radar podcast project off the side of our desks, it truly became our pandemic project in 2020 as public events were put on hold for several years.

During this time, we have seen this podcast grow into one of our signature programs at our satellite office at 312 Main. And it has taken an entire team of people working collaboratively to realize this project.

We are delighted to have released over 200 episodes, surpassed 100,000 listens and are soon to reach five years. Being able to interview guests in person and remotely, to talk about topics near and far, has been a great opportunity to expand our programming vision, deepen our impact and build new audiences locally and internationally. These accessible and important conversations have built their own model of accessible scholarship.

From eclectic guests such as writers and theorists Amitav Ghosh, Leanne Simpson, Alberto Toscano and Glen Coulthard, to School for Contemporary Arts faculty members such as Erika Latta and Nadia Shihab or neighbourhood activists like Garth Mullins and Jean Swanson—we have strived to stay relevant and engage with innovative thinkers that raise new questions about the world we inhabit and its complex paradoxes.

We're hoping that Below the Radar can keep going to hit the 25 year mark—and that it will remain a container for new conversations with new guests and new hosts in the coming years.

Below the Radar carries the spirit of SFU's radical campus with it. Thank you for listening!

Sincerly,

Am Johal

Director, SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement Co-Director, SFU's Community-Engaged Research Initiative



A KNOWLEDGE DEMOCRACY PODCAST



SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement launched Below the Radar in 2018 with the aim of making academic scholarship accessible, and engaging ideas and experiences that are often excluded from academic spaces. With these goals in mind, we set out to speak to trailblazing activists, artists, writers and academics about new projects and ideas at the intersection of politics, art and social change.

Through conversations with Am Johal, *Below the Radar*'s regular host, or a roster of guest-hosts, academic discourses and community voices are made immediate, relevant and accessible beyond traditional university circles. On the podcast, we regularly speak with SFU faculty and local researchers across disciplines that are doing work with a social and cultural impact.

Below the Radar is also a tool for storytelling and community-building creating space for guests from within and beyond our community to share their knowledge and perspectives. Conversations with artists, activists and community builders highlight crucial sites for meaning making and idea generation. Guests include community organizers, activists, artists, students and others whose ways of working and organizing are valuable forms of knowledge production.

SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement launched this podcast to connect with our community in a new way. Today, *Below the Radar* continues to lift up critical ideas that need to be heard, offer audiences engaging conversations they can listen to on their own time, and create new points of connection across a rich array of ideas that shape our world and inform our scholarship.



SERIES SPOTLIGHTS

To dig deeper into certain ideas and issues, we have produced a collection of original *Below the Radar* series. We have created these both independently and in partnership with our community.

VOICES OF THE STREET)

The Voices of the Street podcast series hews close to community partner

Megaphone's ethos of empowering marginalized

voices through journalism and creative selfexpression. Each episode was produced and directed by a Megaphone storyteller with lived experience of substance use, poverty and various other barriers to traditional employment.

The series was created by Jules Chapman, Angel Gates, Nicolas Leech-Crier and Yvonne Mark, with contributions from Dennis Gates, Elaine Schell, Eva Takakanew and Peter Thompson, under the mentorship of artist and producer Helena Krobath. Episodes

move from immersive soundscapes, poetics, creative prose, and critical conversations, on topics ranging from poverty, incarceration, Indigeneity and connections to home, land and relations.

"We've found that prejudice or stigma really can't withstand experience. So if people get to know stories of individuals, it really starts to break down that stigma." — Julia Aoki, former Megaphone Executive Director



THE POWER OF DISABILITY

Host Al Etmanski brings us enlightening conversations, featuring guests with disabilities who have been influential in arts, activism, science, and more. Al describes that the importance of this series is that it has "the listener appreciate people with disabilities as authoritative sources on justice, on political campaigning, on democracy, on citizen action, on art, on love, on sexuality, on social change, on astronomy. Just about every aspect of human endeavour."

This series is a continuation of the work Al has shared in the book The Power of Disability, which reveals that people with disabilities are the invisible force that has shaped history. He interviews guests such as Judy Heumann, Carmen Papalia, Rabia Khedr and more.

"At the heart of disability justice is the idea of mutual aid, which means building a capacity for care that isn't otherwise available." — Carmen Papalia, guest

WOMEN, WORK, MORE)

Experiences of gendered work are multifaceted. From sexualized work environments, to juggling work and home lives near and far, to retirement—these experiences not only vastly differ from men's, but also vastly differ for feminized workers across differing social intersections.

To gain a more nuanced perspective, this series, hosted by SFU Labour Studies student and SFU VOCE staffer Alyha Bardi, documents the lived experiences of women and their relationships with work across varying life stages & social intersections.

Each episode features a snapshot look into the lives of a specific group of women workers. Alongside self-told stories of women workers' lived experiences, we hear from professors, labour organizers and policy critics as they share their expertise and findings. ...

SERIES SPOTLIGHTS

... Guests included Sheila Block, Jo-Ann Hannah, Kaitlyn Matulewicz, Evelyn Encalada Grez and Amanda Watson.

"Young adults shouldn't sit out of these conversations just because we aren't currently impacted by pensions. Hearing the stories in this podcast was a wake-up call." — review in The Peak

THE TRIP DIARY

As long as the places where people live are kept separate from the commercial and public places where they want to go, we need to think about how to equitably move through urban space.

The Trip Diary is a series that maps accessible, sustainable and equitable transportation in urban spaces. SFU Urban Studies alumni and current VOCE Programs Coordinator Steve Tornes invited transportation enthusiasts, researchers, and policymakers into conversation about the social and political factors that impact how transportation policy plays out on the ground.

The series discusses equity, commute patterns, cycling as a commute method, public engagement and the future of public transportation. Guests include Lori Macdonald, Sadia Tabassum, Dr. Peter V. Hall, Councillor Tony Valente, Dr. Meghan Winters, Minister Bowinn Ma, and Uytae Lee.

"What I tell anybody that will listen about urban planning as a field is that [...] it just makes you look at your city differently. I describe it like a fish in an aquarium, a fishbowl, kind of gaining consciousness and realizing, 'Oh, this whole environment is made up, and somewhat artificial.' And I have agency in changing that perhaps." — Uytae Lee, guest



THE CLIMATE IMAGINARY

As we navigate our future within the ongoing climate emergency, we seek different frameworks to help guide our learning and our actions.

To visualize a better future, The Climate Imaginary invited guests from across artistic and academic disciplines to discuss ways of working in solidarity amidst the climate crisis.

We featured conversations that ranged from the unique power of creative works to mobilize people, to the importance of collaboration and interdependence across fields. The series discusses disinformation, links between the arts and climate activism, and the challenges in making real environmental change.

The guests include Stephen Collis, Kendra Fanconi, Charles J. Henry, Andréanne Doyon, Geoff Dembicki, Julian Brave Noisecat, and Karenna Gore.

"Climate despair experienced alone [...] is very unlikely to move someone to action. People can almost become paralyzed by that anxiety and grief. [...] That work that artists can do is the thing which brings us together in community, activates our feeling system, and

in there is the potential to mobilise and make

change." — Kendra Fanconi, guest



Scan here to listen, and to explore the rest of our series. Maria Dobrinskaya
Bill Tieleman
Ellen Woodsworth
Bob Williams
Patricia Reed
Davin Boutang
Anna Godefroy
Sarah Common

Kevin Sleziak
Jessica Hannon
Peter Thompson
Sarah Blyth
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Darcie Bennett
Selena Couture
Matt Hern
Astra Taylor
Kai Nagata
Samir Gandesha

Architects for Social Housing

Amitav Ghosh Olive Dempsey Jerry Zaslove Nermin Gogalic Seth Klein

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Stuart Poyntz
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Tara Mahoney
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Eugene Kung Grand Chief Stewart Philip

Andrea Luka Zimmerman Julietta Singh Isabel Millar Andrea Creamer Lama Mugabo Kaitlyn Matulewicz Nick Montgomery Amanda Watson

Ken Lvotier Evelvn Encalada Grez

Kendra Strauss Sheila Block Jo-Ann Hannah Travis Salway Selena Couture Mark Winston

Renée Saroiini Saklikar Vancouver Podcast Festival

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Peter Thompson

Angel Gates

OVER THE YEARS

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Michael Vonn

Urban Choreography

Eldritch Priest David Spaner

Liz Jackson Kevin Bruvneel Magdea Goemans Shauna Sylvester

David Lester Wiliam Lindsay Genevieve LeBaron

Lori Macdonald Sadia Tahassum Peter V. Hall

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Karenna Gore

Marianne Nicolson

June Francis Sirish Rao Cliff Atleo

Svitlana Matviyenko Nadia Shihab Erika Latta

Yani Kong Joni Low NiNi Donanier Kari Grain

Brenna Bhandar Michael Claque Dr. Gary Redekop Jorge Amigo Bill Sundhu

... as of May 30, 2023



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3. UNITED KINGDOM 4. GERMANY	LONDON BERLIN
5. AUSTRALIA	MELBOURNE

TOTAL EPISODES · · · · · · 216

243 · · · · · · UNIQUE GUESTS

SERIES

- SERIES PRODUCED BY THE BELOW THE RADAR TEAM
- 2 SERIES CO-PRODUCED W/ COMMUNITY PARTNERS

+ 2 COLLABORATIVE PODCASTS

81.86% EDI REPRESENTATION IN PODCAST EPISODES

OVER THE YEARS WE'VE HAD

102

GUESTS WITH SFU AFFILIATIONS 38

GUESTS FROM INTERNATIONAL PLATFORMS

40

COMMUNITY
PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS

ON BELOW THE RADAR







GUEST SPOTLIGHTS

And one of the things that I have often said is movements are always a microcosm of the society that they're a part of. So if you're living inside of a repressive regime or repressive society, then the movement will also have a repressive content unless it intentionally tries to shift that. And I think, part of what I'm saying with all of my texts, is we need to be intentionally creating a different culture inside of movement that reflects the world we want, rather than the one that we were socialized by."

ADRIENNE MAREE BROWN, GUEST

Aligned with SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement's programming themes, *Below the Radar* brings on guests from a variety of backgrounds to engage with topics of **Community**, **Arts & Culture**, **Urban Issues**, and **Social and Environmental Justice**.

We also regularly share conversations featuring the vibrant work of our community partners, to the research and pedagogy of fellow SFU faculty and staff.



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Andrea Creamer

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Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

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JULIA

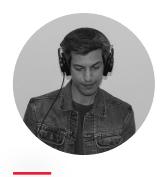
AOKI

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ALYHA

BARDI

Alyha Bardi is a recent graduate from SFU, now holding a BA honours in Sociology, Minor in Labour Studies, and a Certificate in Social Justice. Her areas of interest include capitalist critiques, labour rights, and social & environmental justice. Alyha is the Communications Coordinator at SFU VOCE, and is the host and producer of the Women, Work, More podcast. Her Honours essay, 'Front of House Experiences During COVID-19' explores how work-related changes due to COVID-19 have impacted baristas throughout the pandemic.



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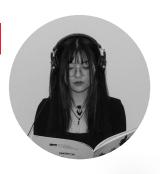
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RESEARCH ASSISTANT

ABOUT THE TEAM



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Debbie Chan graduated recently with a BFA in Visual Art from Simon Fraser University. They also have a Diploma in Visual Communication and Media Design from Singapore Polytechnic. As an artist, Debbie's practice is informed by their background as a graphic designer and by their experiences of migration. Initially brought on as an audio editor for the Below the Radar podcast, Debbie soon began offering their skills to create graphics and posters for the podcast and events. They also release publications under the moniker, The _______ Press.

PAST STAFF

Below the Radar couldn't have become the platform it is today without the creativity, expertise, and dedication of our previous staff members.

We recognise the contributions of former staff including Program Assistants Jamie-Leigh Gonzales and Paige Smith, Communications Coordinators Melissa Roach and Rachel Wong, past Program Coordinator Fiorella Pinillos, audio editors Alex Abahmed and Sena Cleave, and co-op students Jackie Obungah, Alex Masse and Gabriel Alegbeleye.

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