

# Green College at The University of British Columbia

Promoting advanced interdisciplinary inquiry through free public lectures, events and performances, and relaxed discussions around the dinner table, Green College is a graduate residential college that is home to approximately 100 graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and visiting artists and academics at UBC, with strong links to academic institutions and former members of the College around the world.



## Sule Yaylaci

(PhD Candidate, Political Science,  
Green College Resident 2009-12,  
Nationality: Turkish)

*I love living at Green College. It is a dream home where you can live with your friends, feel the family warmth but also have your privacy. As a student coming from overseas, I cannot think of any better place to start a new life in UBC.*

## College Facilities

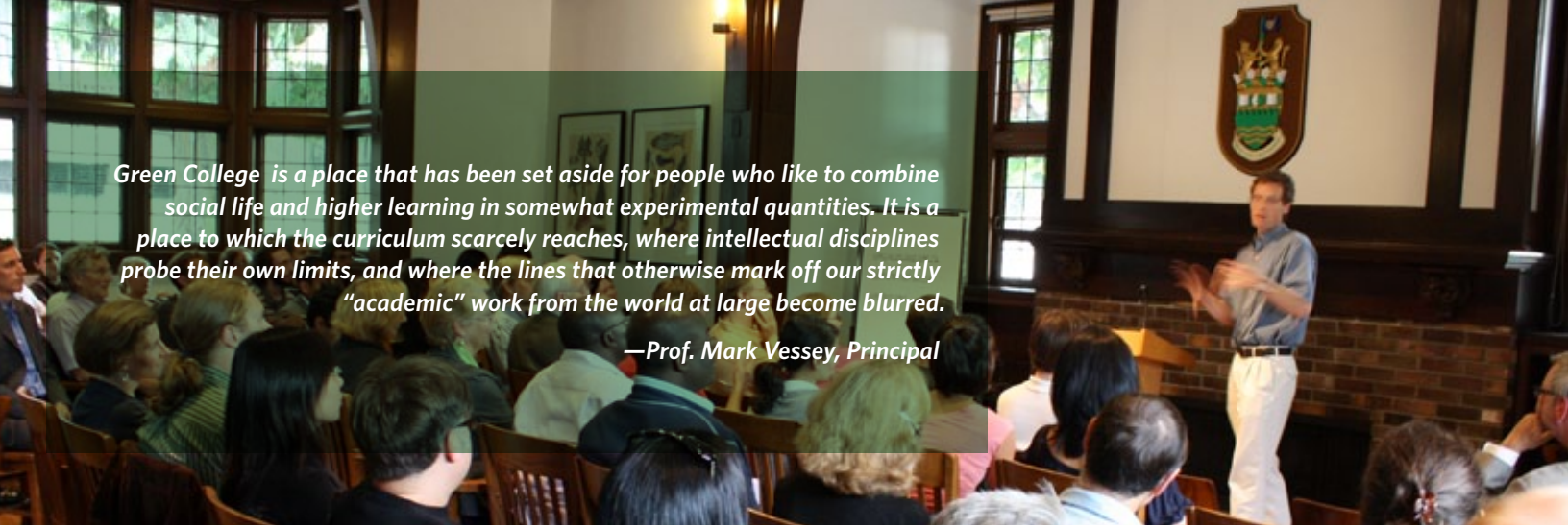
- ▶ The College is at once an oasis of quiet and an active, engaged community, away from the bustle of the main UBC campus and yet connected, through its members and visitors, to all that goes on at the University and beyond. The architecture was designed to foster openness to others and closeness within the community. The College's independent Dining Society provides high-quality meals for residents and their guests, as well as catering for external groups.
- ▶ The central heritage buildings date from 1915. They provide lecture, meeting and social spaces, including a dining area with exposed beams (the Great Hall), a piano lounge with working fireplace, a billiards room, a small dining room, and a private reading room for members of the College. These buildings, like those housing the custom-designed residence rooms, sit atop ocean-side cliffs amidst tranquil gardens.
- ▶ Residence room options include: graduate single rooms (with shared bathroom between two rooms); graduate single room splits (with shared bathroom and living space between two rooms); and studio rooms for postdoctoral scholars, visiting faculty and couples (with en-suite bathroom).
- ▶ Residents also have access to a TV and recreational room, laundry, and a Common Kitchen for meal-preparation outside Dining Society meal-plan hours.



## Michael Davis (JD Student, Law, Green College Resident 2011-14, Nationality: Siksika Canadian)

*This is a once in your lifetime experience that you will never be afforded again. The passion and creativity of this community will teach you more than just academia; it will leave you with memories and friendships you will keep for the rest of your life.*





*Green College is a place that has been set aside for people who like to combine social life and higher learning in somewhat experimental quantities. It is a place to which the curriculum scarcely reaches, where intellectual disciplines probe their own limits, and where the lines that otherwise mark off our strictly "academic" work from the world at large become blurred.*

*—Prof. Mark Vessey, Principal*

## Programming Includes:

- ▶ Interdisciplinary Lecture Series
- ▶ Cecil H. and Ida Green Visiting Professorship Program
- ▶ Writer-in-Residence Program

## College Facts

- ▶ Annually, some **150 free public lectures, musical performances, literary readings and other presentations** are given before and after dinner by world-renowned visiting and local scholars, artists and public figures.
- ▶ Breakfasts and **three-course dinners** are **freshly prepared** daily by an Executive Chef and his staff.
- ▶ **Resident members are actively engaged in governance** of the College and running of the Dining Society. Individuals can volunteer for one of the several standing committees or residents' committees (social, sports, arts, sustainability, outreach, etc.), or team up with others to launch a new activity or project.
- ▶ The College has formal links with **Massey College** at the University of Toronto and **Green Templeton College** in the University of Oxford.
- ▶ Two of the College's longest-running lecture series, "Law and Society" and "Science and Society," have been **incubators for new curriculum** within the the Faculty of Arts. In recent years the College's programming has helped promote the activities of the new UBC-SFU Centre for Human Evolution, Cognition and Culture.
- ▶ Green College was founded in 1993 by a gift of the late **Dr. Cecil H. Green**, who studied Engineering at UBC just after the First World War. It was the first graduate College of its kind at UBC and in North America outside Toronto.

## Admissions

The application form and all details are online. There is no fee to apply. Applications are reviewed monthly. Resident Members are selected on the basis of their academic record, commitment to venturing beyond the confines of the programs in which they are registered for their degrees, and capacity to contribute to the shared intellectual, social, and recreational life of Green College. Please refer to the College's website for details.

› [www.greencollege.ubc.ca/apply](http://www.greencollege.ubc.ca/apply)

## Financial Support

There are fellowships and awards available to Green College Resident Members that help support graduate research for both local and international students. Please refer to the College's website for details.

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## Additional Information

**Weekly public events listing:** sign up at [www.greencollege.ubc.ca/whats\\_on/green\\_list\\_sign\\_up](http://www.greencollege.ubc.ca/whats_on/green_list_sign_up)

**Resident Life Blog:** [www.greencollege.ubc.ca/greencollege\\_blog](http://www.greencollege.ubc.ca/greencollege_blog)

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