

Literary Event

Hosted by the Mature Learning Committee

On Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Presenting Authors

Sharon Lee

Sharon is a pharmacist who spent the first half of her career in hospital practice. A chance posting led her to change direction and join Humber in the Pharmacy Technician program. Retirement has created opportunities to focus on her family, home, some crafts, and figure skating. The pandemic provided the driving force for publishing a little book, titled, "Growing Up Nisei, - Boyhood Tales of a Japanese Canadian" written by Roy Shoichi Kurita.



Steve Urszenyi

Steve Urszenyi's debut novel, "Perfect Shot" (\$25), was published in November 2023 and became an instant Indigo Books bestseller. It has been featured in the Globe and Mail and was a Canadian Living magazine selection. Apple Books said the story's protagonist, Alexandra Martel, is their "new favorite hero—Alex is relentless and dedicated to taking down the bad guys."

Urszenyi's writing has been compared to John le Carré, Stephen Hunter, Mark Greaney, and Jack Carr. BookTrib called Perfect Shot "a modern-day masterpiece of international intrigue that qualifies as a major debut in this superb international thriller." Publishers Weekly proclaimed, "Urszenyi is a writer to watch." Perfect Shot was a finalist for three literary awards:

☑ The International Thriller Writers (ITW) 2024 Best First Novel award Rakuten Kobo 2024 Emerging Writer Prize for Mystery The Crime Writers of Canada 2024 Best Crime First Novel award Urszenyi's second novel in the Alex Martel series, Out in the Cold, will be published on November 12, 2024.

Steve Urszenyi is a graduate of Humber College. He was a paramedic in Toronto and a tactical medic with the Ontario Provincial Police, where he specialized in SWAT, CBRNE, and other special operations environments. Steve is also the former commander of the Province of Ontario's disaster medical and all-hazards emergency management team, EMAT. He is a recipient of the Governor General of Canada EMS

Exemplary Service Medal and Bar in recognition of his distinguished service. When not writing, Steve loves traveling the globe and touring on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle with his wife, Lynne. They live in Toronto and have two grown children.



John Steckley

John Steckley taught at Humber College for 30 years, retiring in 2015. He has a B.A and an M.A in Anthropology and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Toronto. His research is primarily on the Indigenous people of Canada, especially the Wendat (Huron)/Wyandot. He has studied their language for 45 years. Of the 22 books he has written, seven of them relate to that language. In addition, he has written textbooks in Sociology, Physical Anthropology and Indigenous Studies. His latest book about the first black Canadian woman becoming a doctor. The tentative title is, "Sophia Jones: the First Canadian Black Woman to become a Doctor"(\$25): The Trials and Triumphs of her and her family. We know this will be of interest to our members

