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TRUSTEE BIOGRAPHIES

Victor Chan

Victor Chan is a Trustee and founding Director of the Center. Victor has known the Dalai Lama for over 30 years and is co-author with the Dalai Lama of "The Wisdom of Forgiveness: Intimate Conversations and Journeys with the Dalai Lama" ([available via Amazon.com](#)).

Victor was Chair of the Organizing Committee responsible for the visit of the Dalai Lama to Vancouver in 2004. He and Professor Pitman Potter, Director of the Institute of Asian Research, UBC convened the symposium on "How to Balance Educating the Mind with Educating the Heart" which featured the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Shirin Ebadi, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Professor Jo-Ann Archibald.

With Pitman Potter, Victor was instrumental in establishing a Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program at UBC and was the first Executive Director of that program.

Evan Alderson

Evan Alderson has recently retired from a long faculty career at Simon Fraser University. He received a Ph.D. in English from the University of California at Berkeley and began his teaching career at SFU in 1967. He has published widely in literary, artistic and cultural studies.

At SFU, Evan was the Founding Director of the School for the Contemporary Arts, Founding Director of the Graduate Liberal Studies Program, a co-founder of the Integrated Studies Program and a co-founder of the Learning Strategies Group. From 1992-1997, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

James Hoggan

James Hoggan is the owner of James Hoggan & Associates, one of the largest public relations firms in Vancouver.

Jim received his law degree from the University of Victoria in 1988 and his APR from the Canadian Public Relations Association.

Jim has a long history of public service in Vancouver, including Co-Chairing the Capital Campaign which was responsible for raising \$7 million to establish the YWCA's Crabtree Corner facility in Vancouver's downtown Eastside, and serving on the Boards of the Alzheimer's Society, David Suzuki Foundation, Urban Development Institute and Future Generations Canada.

Thomas Rafael

Thomas E. Rafael received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and LL.B. from the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Rafael taught high school, designed and built experimental houses and worked in theatre before turning to the practice of law. For the last 25 years, he has worked with such notable and diverse clients as Nike and Greenpeace and his legal work has included native land claims as well as arguing cases before all levels of Courts including the Supreme Court of Canada.

More recently, Mr. Rafael has been involved in the development of socially responsible housing and other forms of innovative and sustainable land development.