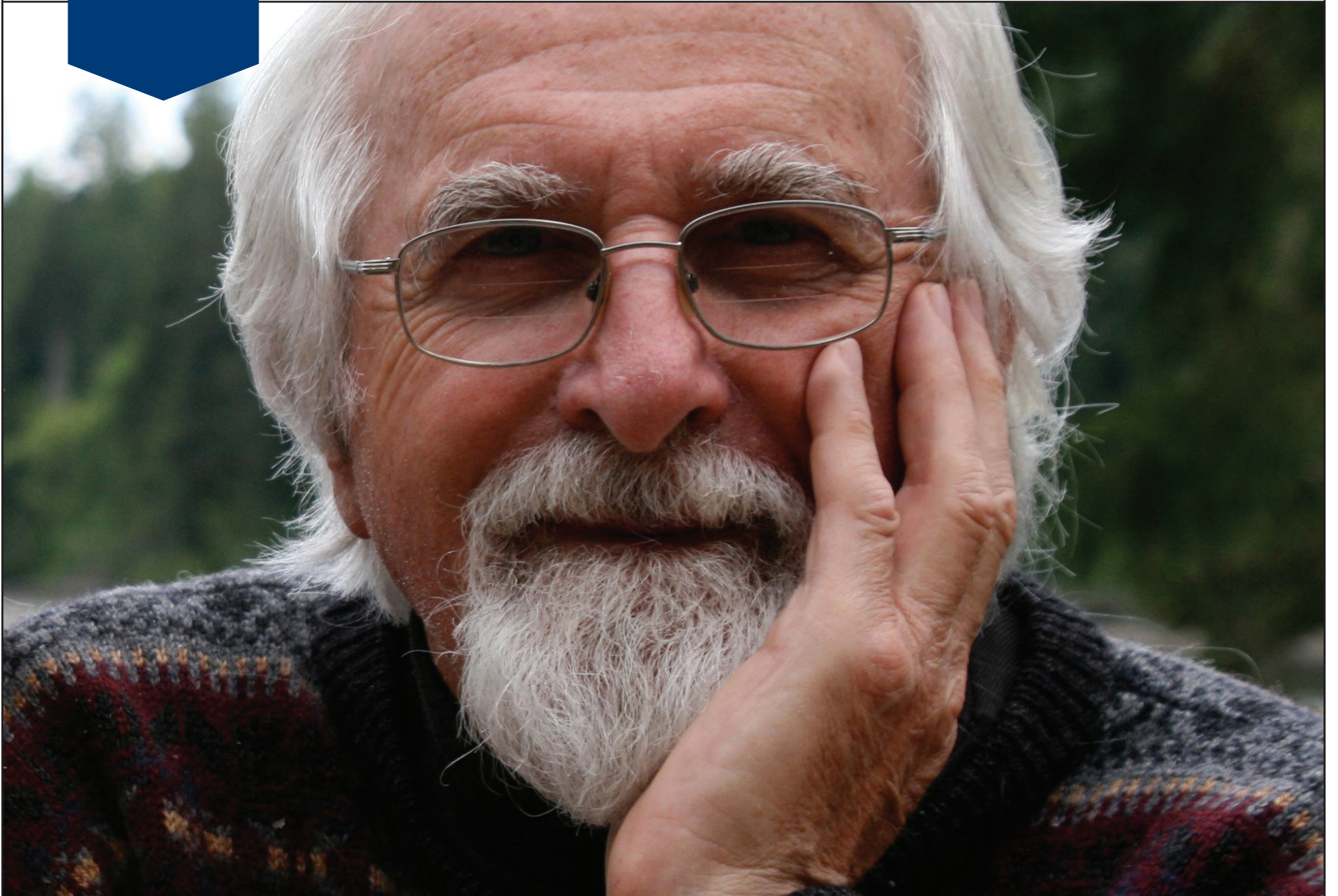




# F.E.L. PRIESTLEY LECTURE SERIES

## FREE PUBLIC LECTURE



**“Flying Under  
the Radar:  
Politics, Poetry  
and Peace”**

**Gary Geddes**

**Wednesday, Oct 16**

**7:30-9:00PM**

**1st Choice Savings Centre  
Room PE264**

**Free. Everyone welcome.  
No RSVP required.  
Free parking.**

If, in the speaker’s words in W.H. Auden’s elegy, “In Memory of W.B. Yeats”, “poetry makes nothing happen,” what then are its uses? I’d want to make a case both for the usefulness, political significance, and healing powers of poetry and, by implication, other forms of engaged writing.

Gary Geddes has “long been considered one of Canada’s most important men of letters.” He has written and edited 50 books of poetry, fiction, drama, non-fiction, criticism, translation, and anthologies and won a dozen national and international literary awards, including the

Commonwealth Poetry Prize (Americas Region), the British Columbia Lt-Governor’s Award for Literary Excellence, and the Gabriela Mistral Prize. He has been writer-in-residence at the University of Alberta, UBC’s Green College, Ottawa University and the Vancouver Public Library. He lives on Thetis Island, BC with his wife, the novelist Ann Eriksson.

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