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Vancouver Sun columnist named SFU's first Shadbolt fellow

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SFU has named Douglas Todd, the Vancouver Sun's award-winning religion and ethics writer, as the first recipient of the Jack and Doris Shadbolt Fellowship in the Humanities. Todd will begin his two-semester appointment within the faculty of arts and social sciences in January, 2006 thanks to an endowment from the late Doris Shadbolt, wife of influential BC artist, the late Jack Shadbolt. The fellowship is intended "to recognize and support leaders in the humanities who are not necessarily part of the academy," says dean of arts and social sciences John Pierce. Todd, who has authored two books on the subject of spirituality and ethics, calls the appointment "a great honour. I'm excited about the chance to pursue some of my intellectual passions at SFU. In particular, I want to better understand the uniqueness of BC's cultural landscape, especially regarding spirituality, values, and citizenship in a multi-ethnic context.

"I want to make this appointment a fruitful one for the SFU community, which has been so creative at bringing scholarship to the public. I'm hoping to take part in a variety of programs, give some lectures, teach non-fiction writing and, if possible, organize a conference on what it means to live in 'secular-but-spiritual' Cascadia-that is, BC, Washington, and Oregon."