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# Department of Political Studies

## Upcoming Events

The Department of Political Studies is honoured to host USask President Emeritus Peter MacKinnon for the launch of his book: *Canada in Question: Exploring Our Citizenship in the Twenty-First Century*

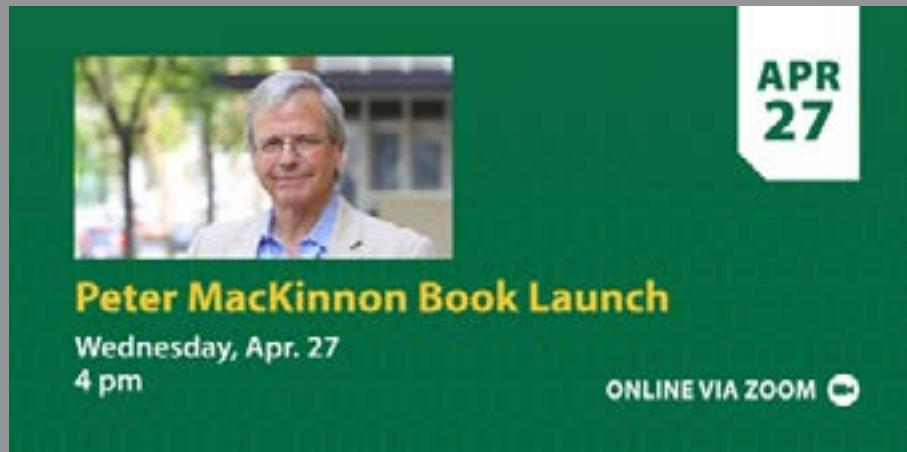
**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022

**Time:** 4 pm CST

**Location:** Online via Zoom

[Register for this free public event on Eventbrite.](#)

Peter MacKinnon, President Emeritus of the University of Saskatchewan, is currently the Interim Director of the School of Public Policy, University of Calgary. He has also served as President, Dalhousie University and President, Athabasca University.



Dr. Martin Gaal will be participating in a zoom presentation with the Sustainable Development Goals Committee for the Government of Saskatchewan on April 12, 2022. It is a full-day event, and he will be presenting on SDG 8: "Higher Education, Internationalization, and building a global economy for everybody"

You're Invited!

Local Action, Global Impact:  
Building Awareness on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in Saskatchewan's Post-Secondary Education

Virtual Seminar  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST  
Students can come and go

Register online by April 10, 2022

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# Congratulations!



Congratulations go to Dr. Kirsten Fisher, who was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor this year!



Congratulations to Dr. Kathy Walker on having her dissertation chosen as the best dissertation of the year, and receiving the WPSA 2021 Best Dissertation Award

We will be missing Dr. Matthew Mitchell while he is away on sabbatical for the 2022/23 academic year. He intends to spend much of the year undertaking numerous trips into the field to conduct interviews in Ontario and Quebec, and possibly in Cote d'Ivoire. He also hopes to use this precious time to catch up on reading and writing on projects related to Indigenous land rights and contentious politics. And if time permits, he might even pick up the guitar he got for his last birthday and learn a few chords!



## A Message from your PSSA

The PSSA will be hosting a Year-End Social Banquet to send off the 2021/22 school term! This event will happen on April 30th, and we are finalizing itinerary and ticket prices so we can give both students and professors as much time as possible to prepare and attend! An email will be sent out in the following days confirming everything!

We will be having our general election for all positions in May after the term ends! We will set a concrete schedule for nominations, campaigning, and voting period in the next few weeks so those interested can run!

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding either announcement, please email us at [uofspssa@gmail.com](mailto:uofspssa@gmail.com) and we can help answer and address!

- Your PSSA Exec

## Library Programs

Looking for research and writing assistance this Spring and Summer? The Library offers supports throughout the year. For more information, visit the Learning Hub <https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/>.

# POLS in the news

POLS faculty have been extremely busy over the last few months, sharing insight on world events, and the issues close to home through articles, appearances, and discussions with various news outlets.

## Colleen Bell on the Ukraine-Russia Conflict:

<https://www.ckom.com/2022/02/25/international-relations-expert-explains-russia-ukraine-conflict/>

<https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2403609&binId=1.1165965&playlistPageNum=1>

## Martin Gaal on the Ukraine-Russia Conflict:

<https://iono.fm/e/1163114>

[https://open.spotify.com/episode/0Jugqh7kkQSVYsvdjeTYr9?si=KzUYJ-81Tx-w21sKE2yKeA&utm\\_source=copy-link](https://open.spotify.com/episode/0Jugqh7kkQSVYsvdjeTYr9?si=KzUYJ-81Tx-w21sKE2yKeA&utm_source=copy-link)

[Russia-Ukraine war could have significant implications for international order: U of S lecturer | 650 CKOM](#)

## Daniel Westlake on the Saskatchewan budget and the NDP as a political party

<https://twitter.com/GlobalRegina/status/1507084847281414145>

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/canadian-journal-of-political-science-revue-canadienne-de-science-politique/article/ready-or-not-the-strength-of-ndp-riding-associations-and-the-rise-and-fall-of-the-ndp/EAA4E2F27DB7594FD4BBE852D864A574>

# Student achievement

USASK  
RESEARCH  
STUDENT

Treyton Zary is passionate about climate change, and wanted to bring that interest to his love for learning. "In the past few years, I have become acutely aware of the challenges of a changing climate, and how that will impact the world's ability to supply the necessities (energy, food, etc.) that everyone in the world needs to survive and thrive."



TREYTON ZARY



EDWARDS SCHOOL OF  
BUSINESS AT THE UNIVERSITY  
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Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts:

**1st Place: Treyton Zary:** Major Saskatchewan firms and their views on climate change impacts on their supply chains: a look at modelling, mitigation and adaptation, and implications

Treyton Zary is a Global Studies Certificate student, and has worked with Dr. Martin Gaal as a COIL TA. Our congratulations to Trey on this much deserved award!

# Alumni Profile



USask alumnus Matthew Selinger graduated with a BA in Modern Languages in November, 2019 and followed that with a BA in Political Studies, minoring in Ukrainian Studies, in June 2020. He has continued his academic career and is currently enrolled at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs Master's program in Ottawa, focussing on conflict analysis and resolution.

In a recent social media post, Matthew indicated that the pandemic allowed him to pursue his goal of publishing for the first time, and has had his article accepted by the University of Saskatchewan Undergraduate Research Journal (date of publication to be announced). <https://usurj.journals.usask.ca/>

Matthew Selinger - 1st  
M.A. Candidate in International Affairs  
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About two months into the pandemic, I decided to pursue something I strove so hard to achieve: my first publication. It appears now that my research analyzing Indigenous language revitalization policy has entered the final stage of production.

Three years prior to 2020, I worked diligently to improve my writing skills to the point where I could publish. I directly applied the skills from an academic writing course and the lessons derived from frequent meetings with professors and writing advisors, who guided me through my writing strengths and weaknesses. I'm happy to see that these efforts are fulfilling a long-standing personal dream of mine.

My interest in this area of research began out of academic interest. An Indigenous Politics class granted me an opportunity to bridge both my interests in politics and languages in my final year at USask. Moreover, the growing demands for reconciliation in Canada make this a timely subject to research. Once published, I will share a link of this assessment.

Dear Matthew James Selinger

This is just a quick notification about moving your submission forward. The editing of your submission, "Promises Made or Promises Kept?", is complete. The manuscript has been moved to the production stage!

Congratulations!

Reconciliation remains a cornerstone to overcoming the legacy of colonialism. In "Promises Made or Promises Kept?", I assess three areas where Indigenous language revitalization has all but accomplished satisfactory results as per the Calls to Action released by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. What I discovered are pitfalls in government engagement with communities, funding, and affording practical uses of Indigenous languages throughout Canadian society. Each section reinforces the other: without community engagement, the funding is insufficient, and without sufficient funding the practical usage of language cannot be realized. I hope this paper captures the real frustrations felt by Indigenous communities and elevates the demands for tangible proof of government action and cooperation on language revitalization.

-Matthew Selinger

We wish Matthew much continued success in his academic career, publishing career and beyond. Watch the Political Studies social media pages for Matthew's article.

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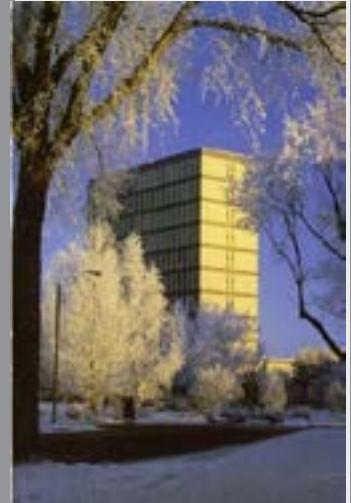
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We acknowledge that we live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

## Spring/Summer 2022 Classes

The [Department of Political Studies](#) will be offering the following classes **online** during the upcoming spring and summer terms. Many of our classes can be used towards our [certificates](#) in conjunction with your degree.

### Spring 2022

IS 110 - Global Issues (*Global Studies Certificate*)

POLS 204 - Canadian Political Institutions

POLS 222 - Indigenous Governance and Politics (*Indigenous Governance and Politics Certificate*)

### Summer 2022

POLS 111 - Democratic Citizenship in Canada (*Politics and Law Certificate*)

POLS 205 - Canadian Politics and Society