

ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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Arts and Science Update is a monthly newsletter for faculty and staff of the University of Saskatchewan's College of Arts and Science. To give feedback, contact the college communications office: artsci.communications@usask.ca



Three USask faculty members honoured with Lieutenant Governor's Post-Secondary Teaching Award

Drs. Loleen Berdahl (PhD), Simonne Horwitz (DPhil) and Cheryl Troupe (PhD) are inaugural recipients of a new award recognizing dedication to student engagement and learning. The new Lieutenant Governor's Post-Secondary Teaching Award is the first provincial award of its kind in Saskatchewan.



Pamela Downe appointed interim vice-dean faculty relations

Dr. Pamela Downe (PhD), a professor in the Department of Anthropology, has been appointed interim vice-dean faculty relations in the College of Arts and Science for a 13-month term.



Positive Space posters available

The College of Arts and Science has purchased copies of the new USask Pride Centre Positive Space posters so that everyone in our college can have one to put in their office, lab, workspace, etc.

Pickup is in Arts 235, and if you would like some sent by campus mail for your department/unit, please email mahshid.zadehsoltani@usask.ca with the number requested, and the location to send.



USask strengthens research partnerships with University of Bonn

A delegation from USask travelled to the University of Bonn in Germany as part of an ongoing commitment to develop joint research projects between the institutions. Drs. Steven Rayan

(PhD), Corinne Schuster-Wallace (PhD) and Robert Henry (PhD) of the College of Arts and Science were among the delegates.



USask part of SSHRC-funded nationwide theatre school research project

In a one-of-a-kind national theatre research project, faculty in the Department of Drama are involved in a Canada-wide collaboration of post-secondary theatre schools to create more diverse, equitable and inclusive theatre education across the country.



USask, City of Saskatoon partner to fight housing insecurity

A joint project between USask researchers and members of the Saskatoon Fire Department is looking to develop solutions to issues of housing insecurity and homelessness in Saskatoon. Dr. Nazmi Sari (PhD), head of the Department of Economics, leads USask's contribution to the project.



Graduate service awards nominations

The USask College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies invites nominations for the Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award and the Clement Employee Service Award.

The Clement Employee Service Award recognizes the outstanding contributions of a USask staff member to the graduate student community.

Nomination deadline: **Dec. 14.**

The [Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award](#) is given to a graduate faculty member with a record of excellent mentorship of graduate students under their supervision. Nomination deadline: **Jan. 31**.



By the numbers

416: The age of the USask Amati viola, one of four priceless instruments featured in the ongoing Discovering the Amatis concert series. The next concert, "In Perfect Harmony" featuring the Penderecki String Quartet, is [this Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 pm](#).

Upcoming Events



Two concerts remain in the Department of Music's fall series of ensemble performances. At 12:30 pm on **Wednesday, Dec. 6**, the [USask Chamber Ensemble](#) gives a concert of beautiful chamber music works. At 7:30 pm the same day, the

[USask Symphony Orchestra](#) plays classics by Tchaikovsky, Holst, Hisaishi, and Morricone. Both events are at Quance Theatre on campus.

Until Dec. 15 [Dorothy Knowles: by the water](#)

Until Dec. 15 [The Camera is an Instrument](#)

Until Dec. 15 [Nature Morte: Hauntologies of the Prairies](#)

Dec. 8 [Philosophy in the Community](#)

Dec. 10 [Discovering the Amatis](#)

Awards and Accolades

Dr. M. Gabriela Mángano (PhD), distinguished professor in the Department of Geological Sciences, recently won [two lifetime achievement awards from scientific societies](#). Mángano was presented with the Distinguished Career Award from the Geobiology and Geomicrobiology Division of the Geological Society of America, followed by the Billings Medal from the Paleontology Division of the Geological Association of Canada.

Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies professor **Dr. Julio Torres-Recinos (PhD)** was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. Nominated by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan, Torres-Recinos was presented with the award, which celebrates contributions to Saskatchewan, at a ceremony on Nov. 18.

Several academic advisors in the Undergraduate Student Office have been appointed to leadership positions with the Advising Association of Saskatchewan (AASK). **Brenda Mellon** is AASK's new co-president. **Nina Hao** is secretary. **Cory Penno** is a member-at-large of AASK's executive arm.

Dr. Linzi Williamson (PhD), assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and Health Studies, [has been awarded more than \\$340,000 from CIHR](#) for a project titled "Supporting Canadian Veterans with Service Dogs." The project explores how service dogs can provide support to veterans struggling with PTSD and how the public can learn to interact with them.

IT BITS AND BYTES

IT Bits and Bytes features helpful and important information from Arts and Science IT.

When do I need a new computer?

Keeping your computer up to date is important, as it ensures that you have the latest bug fixes and security patches. This includes applying the latest updates, as well as upgrading to the latest available version of the operating system if possible.

As requirements change, some older computers will not support the latest version of the operating system. Once the vendor stops producing security updates for an old operating system, any computers that are not able to upgrade to a newer operating system are unsupported and should not be used on the campus network.

The current versions of our most common systems are MacOS 14/Sonoma and Windows 11. Apple and Microsoft still provide updates for older versions for a limited time.

If your computer can not be upgraded to the current version, it's time to start planning for a replacement.

[Check this page](#) for more details on supported versions and how to check if your computer is out of date.

If you have questions or would like assistance or advice planning the purchase of a new computer, please contact IT Support at itsupport@usask.ca or itsupport.usask.ca.

In the Media

The Conversation: [Why Canada's pesticide regulations need an overhaul](#) (by Dr. Christy Morrissey, PhD, et al., Department of Biology, Nov. 28)

CBC's The Current: [Cost-of-living crisis means more Canadians are putting parenthood on pause](#) (with Dr. Karen Lawson, PhD, Department of Psychology and Health Studies, Nov. 24)

The Globe and Mail: ['Other ways of knowing and being' that enrich our lives](#) (with Dr. Colleen Dell, PhD, Department of Sociology, Nov. 8)

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