

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



[Celebrating our graduates](#)

More than 1,000 College of Arts and Science students received their parchments at the 2023 USask Spring Convocation on June 6. Read stories about our graduating

students or view videos of the ceremonies on the [Class of 2023 website](#). Read about the college's most outstanding graduates [on our news site](#).



Faculty recognized for outstanding teaching in College of Arts and Science

Four faculty members are being honoured for their service to students with 2022-23 College of Arts and Science Teaching Awards. Drs. Chris Ambrose (PhD), Jenna Hunnef (PhD) and Josh Morrison (PhD) are recipients of this year's New Teacher Awards. Dr. Bob Patrick (PhD) is the recipient of the

Distinguished Teacher Award.



USask partners with Indigenous communities on renewable energy project

Department of Geography and Planning researchers and QUEST Canada will collaborate with remote Indigenous communities on a project to accelerate renewable energy initiatives and build a pathway to net-zero. Dr. Bram Noble (PhD) is leading USask's contribution to the three-year

project.



USask celebrates Pride: Building a brighter future together

USask celebrates Pride during June and every month of the year. Take time to connect, commemorate and celebrate Pride, and join us as we continue to work to make our campus community a safe and

supportive place for all students, staff, faculty, alumni and visitors.



Theatre, art and water security central in international USask exhibition

A team of USask artists and students are travelling to Prague to help represent Canada in an international art exhibition and competition. Carla Orosz, head of the Department of Drama, is one of three curators of the Canadian team heading to the Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and

Space this summer.



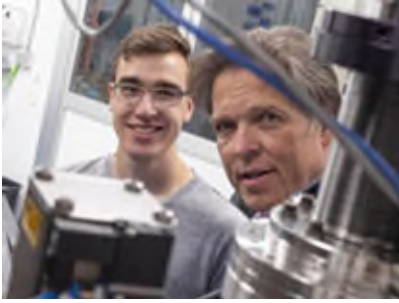
USask anthropology department changes its name

The former Department of Archaeology and Anthropology at USask is now called the Department of Anthropology. The change is to streamline the department's name and highlight the connections between archaeology and anthropology.



USask chemistry programs earn national accreditation

The four-year Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science (Honours) programs from USask's Department of Chemistry have had their accreditation renewed by the Canadian Society for Chemistry—the national technical organization for Canadian chemists—for the years 2023–31.



USask research uncovers new insights into nitrogen, phosphorous and their neighbours

Two projects led by Canada Research Chairs in the College of Arts and Science are uncovering the nature of pnictogens and how they interact with other elements. Dr. Alexander Moewes (PhD) of the Department of Physics and Engineering Physics and Dr. Graham George (DPhil) of the Department of

Geological Sciences head up the projects.



Arts&Science magazine spring 2023 issue released

The new issue of *Arts&Science*, the magazine for friends and alumni of the College of Arts and Science, launched in May. Features include the story of two sisters who supported their siblings and continued their education after the loss of their parents; and the saga of a former U.S. military

translator who escaped the Taliban to study in the College of Arts and Science.



By the numbers

7: The years since the launch of Global Water Futures (GWF), the world's largest university freshwater research program, at USask. **Hundreds of scientists gathered for the initiative's finale in May.**

GWF's director is Dr. John Pomeroy (PhD) and its associate director is Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace (PhD), both of the Department of Geography and

Planning.

Awards and Accolades

Banjo Olaleye (director of undergraduate student advising) and **Amanda Terry** (office coordinator, Department of Political Studies / ASG) are the [winners of the College of Arts and Science's Dean's Distinguished Staff Award for 2023](#). The annual award recognizes staff members who have made an extraordinary contribution to the working environment of the College of Arts and Science.

Drs. Som Niyogi (PhD), Debajyoti Mondal (PhD) and Jennifer Lang (PhD) are the [recipients of the College of Arts and Science's annual awards for research, scholarly and artistic work](#). Niyogi, a professor in the Department of Biology, received the Distinguished Scholar Award. Mondal, an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science, was recognized with the New Scholar Award. Lang, an associate professor in the Department of Music, was presented with the Publicly Engaged Scholar Award.

Dr. Simonne Horwitz (DPhil), associate professor in the Department of History, [is the winner of a Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching](#) from USask. A role model to students, Horwitz strives to create a safe, empowering environment for students.

Department of History associate professor **Dr. Benjamin Hoy (PhD)** is [one of two winners of the 2023 USask New Researcher Award](#). Hoy is a highly accomplished early-career researcher whose first book, *A Line of Blood and Dirt: Creating the Canada-United States Border Across Indigenous Lands*, recently won the Governor General's History Award for Scholarly Research.

Department of Chemistry sessional lecturer **Dr. Steven Langdon (PhD)** [is the winner of USask's 2023 Sylvia Wallace Sessional Lecturer Award](#). The award recognizes the important contributions of sessional lecturers to USask's teaching community.

LaVina Watts, the College of Arts and Science's manager of study abroad and interdisciplinary programs, [is the 2023 recipient of USask's International Engagement Service Award for Staff](#). Watts has enabled students to have life-changing study abroad experiences by building international partnerships and securing study abroad funding.

Dr. Tara Kahan (PhD), associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, [is the 2023 winner of the Chemical Institute of Canada Environment Division's Early Career Research Award](#). The award recognizes an outstanding early career

researcher who has made distinguished contributions in the fields of environmental chemistry or environmental chemical engineering.

Dr. Julie Kaye (PhD), associate professor of sociology, is [part of a team awarded a \\$700,000 grant](#) by SSHRC and Women and Gender Equality Canada for a project titled *Building Indigenous Legal Lodges: Restoring Access to Justice and Preventing Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans, and Two-Spirit+*.

Shannon Blanchet, assistant professor in the Department of Drama, gave an [“essential and formidable”](#) performance as Player 6/Elmira Royster in Catalyst Theatre’s production of *Nevermore* in Calgary from May 6–June 4.

Upcoming Events



Remember Rebuild Saskatchewan, a project led by College of Arts and Science faculty and staff, is launching a new Saskatchewan contribution to the national COVID in the House of Old Exhibit. The show, created by Megan Davies, [features seven stories from Elders who lived in long-term care during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). It will run at Saskatoon’s Cliff Wright Library from **June 5–17**.

Until Aug. 25 [Sandra Brewster: Take a Little Trip](#)

Until Aug. 25 [Steph Krawchuk: #49–#165](#)

June 14 [Windscape Brass Quintet](#)

June 22 [Hindu-Jewish Encounters: Contemporary Perspectives](#)

June 24 [Engaging Krishna's Divine Forms](#)

In the Media

CBC News: [Teen who began high school math in Grade 7 to compete in world's most prestigious youth math competition](#) (with Dr. Steven Rayan, PhD, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, June 12)

CBC Kids News: [Just in time for Pride Month, learn what 2SLGBTQQIPAA+ stands for](#) (with Dr. Alessio Ponzio, PhD, Department of History, June 6)

The Conversation: [How colonial racism fuels Saskatchewan's criminalization of Indigenous men](#) (by Dr. Kathy Walker, PhD, Department of Political Studies; and Randy Morin, Department of Indigenous Studies, May 10)

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