

ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

March 6, 2023

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



[Reclaiming Indigenous voices through found poetry](#)

Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP) programs officer Logan Martin-Arcand (BFA Honours'19) will be facilitating *Fried Bannock Project* poetry write-in sessions daily from March 6-10. Each day, participants will be encouraged to rework selected academic or literary/artistic texts written by, for, or about Indigenous peoples in Canada. The project is named in celebration of fried bannock, a popular food for community gatherings that was created by Indigenous people for survival, comfort and nourishment.



USask-led Women Plus Water Expert List to help bridge gender inequity gap in science

Corinne Schuster-Wallance, an associate professor in the Department of Geography and Planning, is the co-founder of Women Plus Water. She is aiming to bridge the gender inequity gap in science.



USask paleontologist helps stone featuring fossils achieve global heritage status

USask paleontologist Dr. Brian Pratt (PhD), a professor in the Department of Geological Sciences, led the nomination process for the Tyndall Stone—a limestone with an abundance of fossils found in many USask buildings— to be recognized on an international scale.



New USask STEM+ program connects Indigenous students with mentors, career experiences

Sarah Gauthier is a coach for the new ISAP STEM+ program, which is designed to connect Indigenous students with mentors in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) industries for early career experiences.



Apply for new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Initiatives Fund

Applications are now being accepted to the new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Initiatives Fund, supported by the Offices of the Dean and Vice-Dean Faculty Relations. The purpose of the fund is to assist units, academic departments, student groups and employee groups in undertaking EDI initiatives

to benefit the college community and equity deserving groups.

Applications can be made online until March 17. Any questions about the fund, or online form may be directed to **Larissa Wudrick**.



Call for Dean's Distinguished Staff Award nominations

Do you know an outstanding College of Arts and Science staff member who makes an extraordinary contribution to the working environment? Nominations are being accepted for the Dean's Distinguished Staff Award until April 3. The award recognizes and formally acknowledges

two members of the College of Arts and Science staff each year.

Nominations are open to any staff member in the college, including all CUPE 1975, ASPA, Exempt members, with a minimum of two years of service as of the nomination deadline. For more information, contact the [Dean's Office](#) or call: 306-966-4232.

Call for research award nominations

USask is accepting nominations for the [NSERC Arthur B. McDonald Fellowships](#). The fellowships recognize early-stage academic researchers in the natural sciences and engineering and support them to enhance their research capacity, so they can become leaders in their fields and inspire others. As the university can only certify up to six nominations, USask will be holding an internal process to determine which nominations will move forward.

An eligible nominee should have held an independent academic position for 10 years or less as of June 1 and currently hold a grant from NSERC.

Internal submission deadline is **March 13, 2023**

Internal submission should be sent to research.communications@usask.ca and include:

- Nominee name and affiliation
- Start date of independent academic position and any relevant interruptions
- 1-page max. accomplishment statement (can be bullet point) addressing nomination criteria ([Research achievements and impacts; Outreach, mentorship and leadership; Future directions](#))
- Up-to-date CV
- As part of this process, potential nominees need to inform department heads of intent to submit. Please copy department head on internal submission email as confirmation they have been notified of your intent.

Other upcoming awards:

March 31 - Royal Society of Canada Awards [see the list of categories here](#)



Erica England

Alumni and Donor Engagement Officer — College of Arts and Science

Q: When did you start working in the College of Arts and Science?

I started at the College of Arts and Science in December 2022.

Q: Using two sentences, how would you describe your work in the college?

Deepening the relationships with the colleges' alumni and donors by engaging them in the life of the college. This may include volunteer opportunities for alumni, events and reunions, and communications to keep our alumni informed about the great work that is happening here.

Q: What activities do you enjoy outside of work?

I spend most of my time outside of work driving my kids around and watching them play hockey, volleyball, basketball, and whatever other sport they sign up for. I love watching them play their sports! I also enjoy reading, camping, and walking by our beautiful river.

Q: What is something people may find surprising about you? I grew up in a VERY small Saskatchewan town. I had never learned to curl but always wanted to, so I recently joined a social curling league and it is so fun!

Awards and Accolades

Two members in the College of Arts and Science were awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan) in the category of health care at a ceremony on Feb. 27: **Dr. Colleen Dell (PhD)**, a professor in the Department of Sociology and the Centennial Enhancement Chair in One Health & Wellness; **Dr. Linzi Williamson (PhD)**, post-doctoral fellow. Dell, Williamson and Darlene

Chalmers, a colleague based at the University of Regina, were recognized in relation to their animal therapy research and work with service dogs.

Department of History professor **Dr. Frank Klaassen (PhD)** is launching his books *The Magic of Rogues: Necromancers in Early Tudor England*, and *Everyday Magicians: Legal Records and Magic Manuscripts from Tudor England*. Along with co-author Dr. Sharon Hubbs Wright (PhD), History department head at St. Thomas More College, they write about the men and women who practiced magic in Tudor England, and were active members of their communities. The launch is taking place at [McNally Robinson](#) on **Thursday, March 23 at 7 pm**. The event will also be live-streamed.

Upcoming Events



Think Big—Be Bold Plan Celebration Day

Join the College of Arts and Science in celebrating recent achievements in one of the four college-specific commitments: Excellence in Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work. This commitment is part of the Think Big - Be Bold, the college's plan to 2025. Throughout the day on **Wednesday, March 22**, screens on campus will display videos and slides recognizing College of Arts and Science researchers and research projects.

March 6-10 [The Fried Bannock Project](#)
March 6 [No Secret: Sex in Holocaust Survivor Accounts and Why it Matters](#)
March 7 [Global Café: How can UNICEF help get SDGs on track](#)
March 8 [Chelazon Leroux: Indigenous Achievement Week 2023](#)
March 8 [Plaque unveiling for Donald Strathearn Rawson](#)
March 9-10 [The international system is failing to prevent wars, conflicts](#)
March 10 [MOMENTUM 2023: Safe Cities](#)
March 11 [Rhapsody in Blue](#)
March 11-12 [USask Music Theatre Ensemble: Life Lessons](#)
March 12 [USask Music Graduate Program Open House](#)
March 16 [Global Café: The Hong Konger](#)
March 17 [The Amazing Life of Margot Heuman](#)
March 17 ['To Get More Harvest'](#)
March 17 [USask Wind Orchestra: Colours](#)
March 22 [Greystone Theatre: Terra Nova](#)
March 23 [Inside the String Quartets of Murray Adaskin](#)
March 24 [Collaborative Connections in Jazz](#)
March 28 [A Musical Journey from Traditional to New](#)
March 28 [Understanding the Boundaries of Medicare](#)
Until April 21 [Kyle Beal and Anna Hawkins: day for night](#)
Until April 21 [Manuel Axel Strain: Why does this land seem so small?](#)
Until April 28 [Love Ethic](#)

In the Media

CTV News Saskatoon: [400-million year old building material used at Sask. University gets international status](#) (with Dr. Brian Pratt, PhD, Department of Geological Sciences, Feb. 14)

CBC Ideas: ['We are very much here': Newfoundland's vibrant history of Indigenous writing](#) (with Dr. Kristina Bidwell, PhD, Department of English, Feb. 15)

Global News Saskatoon: [Touring the USask observatory: Experience Saskatoon](#) (with Dr. Daryl Janzen, PhD, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics, Feb. 22)

Better Me Podcast: [Episode 109-Priorities and Creativity](#) (with Dr. Loleen Berdahl, PhD, Department of Political Studies, Feb. 27)

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