

ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

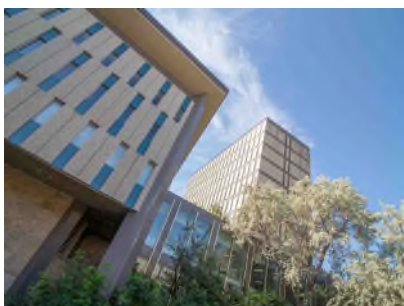
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Arts and Science Update is a monthly newsletter for faculty and staff of the University of Saskatchewan's College of Arts and Science. To give feedback, contact the college communications office: artsci.communications@usask.ca



USask Department of Indigenous Studies celebrates 40 years of 'indigenizing the academy'

The Department of Indigenous Studies will host a 40th anniversary celebration on Sept. 22 to recognize its alumni, students, staff, faculty and accomplishments from the past 40 years. The Learning and Sharing event is free; gala dinner ticket is \$35. [Register now.](#)



[College of Arts and Science welcomes new faculty members for 2023](#)

The College of Arts and Science welcomed 11 lecturers, assistant professors and associate professors for the 2023/24 academic year. The new faculty members accepted positions in the departments of mathematics and statistics, computer science, English, Indigenous studies, psychology and health studies, music and geological sciences.



[Six outstanding USask alumni honoured with Achievement Awards](#)

Arla Gustafson (BA'82) is one of six University of Saskatchewan (USask) alumni who will receive an Alumni Achievement Award at a special gala in October. Gustafson is a graduate of the College of Arts and Science who spent nearly 37 years in the non-profit sector as a leader shaping philanthropic culture in her community.



[USask concert will mix music and math](#)

Audience members will be part of a bold experiment at a free concert this month. On Sept. 20, the Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra and guest musicians will debut new music by Canadian composer Jeff Presslaff, based on work of USask quantum science

researcher Dr. Steven Rayan (PhD). Tickets are available through [Eventbrite](#).



USask project to advance plant pathogen research receives nearly \$800,000

Biology department head Dr. Chris Todd (PhD) is aiming to take the Environmental Plant Pathogen Interaction Centre (EPPICentre) to its next phase in advancing important crop and plant health research in Canada. Todd was awarded \$796,910 in funding from the national John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF).



How the women and gender studies discipline is working to combat gender-based violence

In this Q+A, Dr. Rachel Loewen Walker (PhD), an assistant professor in Women's and Gender Studies at USask, talks about the current landscape of women and gender studies, and how we can work towards a more inclusive future together.



Top scholars contribute to USask's strong international rankings

An increase in the number of highly cited researchers attributed to USask led to a strong performance. USask achieved a ranking of 301-400 globally in the ShanghaiRanking Consultancy's Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) out of more than 2,500 institutions around the world.



[USask launches Period Equity Project](#)

Through the Period Equity Project, free menstrual hygiene supplies will be made available to all members of the USask community. Dispensers stocked with free tampons and pads will be available in more than 70 women's, gender-neutral and men's washrooms in USask buildings.



TEDx 2024: Call for speakers and performers

USask is looking for speakers and performers for an upcoming TEDx University of Saskatchewan event. This year's theme is, "Courageous Curiosity."

Speakers are encouraged to share their voice and vision about improving lives, expanding opportunities, strengthening social cohesion and protecting the environment. To apply to speak or

perform at this year's event, [fill out this form](#) by **Sept. 15**.

Awards and Accolades

Indigenous Studies associate professor Dr. Robert Henry (PhD) is the co-editor of the new [Oxford Handbook of Indigenous Sociology](#) from Oxford University Press. The volume is both a survey of Indigenous sociological thinking and a statement about the field.

Chemistry professor Dr. David RJ Palmer (PhD) has been selected to be the 10th [Thorvaldson Professor of Chemistry](#). A senior member of the Chemistry department is appointed to the Thorvaldson Professorship by their colleagues in recognition of their distinguished service. The position recognizes outstanding research and teaching accomplishments.

Congratulations to [12 College of Arts and Science researchers](#) in the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geological Sciences, and Psychology and Health Studies who were recipients of Natural Sciences and Engineering council of

Canada (NSERC) Discovery Grants. The grant program is intended to award funding to creative and innovative long-term research.

IT BITS AND BYTES

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

Installing software on USask computers

Are you looking for a specific piece of software to use on your USask managed workstation? Chances are it has already been packaged and made available for install via [Software Center](#) (Windows) or [Self Service](#) (Mac). If you are using a managed Windows or Mac machine, these tools will already be installed and ready for you to use. If you would like to see what's available for install, you can check out our [wiki article for a complete list](#).

Didn't find the software you were looking for, but think it would be valuable to have available? You can submit a request to our Technology Assessment team to have your software reviewed for approval. Once approved, our IT team can package it and make it available to install via Software Center or Self Service, as previously described. You can find detailed instructions on how to submit a TAC request on our wiki page [here](#).

As always, if you have any questions about the process, please submit a ticket via the IT support portal at itsupport.usask.ca or send an email to itsupport@usask.ca.

Upcoming Events



Revitalizing the Circle: The Welcome Back Powwow and Métis Dance Celebration is set to take place on **Sept. 12** starting at 10 am in The Bowl at the USask Saskatoon campus. The event is intended to "create a safe space for all people, especially Two Spirit peoples, to take part in cultural celebrations in gender-affirming spaces."

Until Sept. 8 **Airing: MFA Group Exhibition**

Until Sept. 8 **MFA Brody Burns: No Words Necessary**

Sept. 15-Dec. 15 **Dorothy Knowles: by the water**

Sept. 8 **Homecoming 2023**

Sept. 8 **Philosophy in the Community: What Do We Owe Each Other?**

Sept. 15 **Global Café: Women, Life, Freedom**

Sept. 20 **Math + Jazz: Sounds from a Quantum Future**

Sept. 22 **Department of Indigenous Studies 40th Anniversary Celebration**

Sept. 28 **Japan's Relations with North Korea**

Oct. 6 **Mestizaje as Erasure: Racelessness, Homogeneity, Improvement**

In the Media

CBC News: [The canary in the icefield](#) (with distinguished professor Dr. John Pomeroy, Department of Geography and Planning, Sept. 5)

Moose Jaw Today: [Participate in bat-tastic citizen science with U of S researchers at the library](#) (with associate professor Dr. Jeffery Lane (PhD), Department of Biology, Sept. 3)

Saskatoon StarPhoenix: [Interpersonal skills key in U of S-led space training program, students say](#) (with Remington Rohel, USask physics masters student, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics, Aug. 8)

The Conversation Canada: [This solar cycle, the sun's activity is more powerful and surprising than predicted](#) (with Daniel Billett, a Postdoctoral Fellow in Space Physics, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics, Aug. 14)

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