

ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

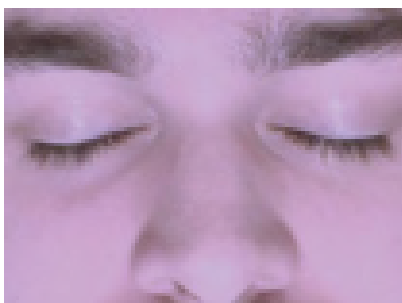
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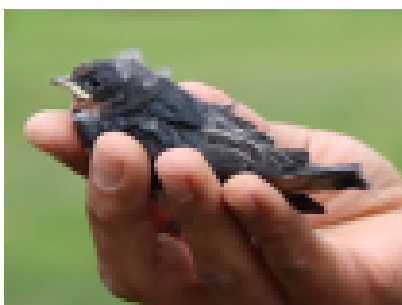
[USask, City of Saskatoon researching sustainable theatre strategies](#)

A joint project between USask and the City of Saskatoon will seek to ensure Saskatoon's vibrant theatre scene remains sustainable for future generations. Carla Orosz, head of the Department of Drama, is co-leading the Research Junction-funded initiative.



International film festival showcases USask student video work with 'Focus on Canada'

Films by Department of Art and Art History faculty member Lisa Birke and 22 students were featured in this year's INTERNATIONALE KURZFILMWOCHE REGENSBURG, an experimental film festival in Germany.



Cross-continental bird tracking network receives \$3.1-million boost

A Canadian-led project to track birds, bats and insects across North and South America has received funding from CFI. Dr. Christy Morrissey (PhD) of the Department of Biology is co-principal investigator of the Motus Wildlife Tracking System. Dr. Mitch Weegman (PhD) is also contributing to the project.



Everyone has a role in our planet's health, says USask sustainability faculty fellow

For the past two years, Department of Psychology and Health Studies associate professor Dr. Ulrich Teucher (PhD) has been encouraging students to think about their role in sustainability.



Métis cancer survivor experiences documented in digital storytelling project

A storytelling project supported by USask is sharing powerful stories of survival in the hopes of raising awareness for healthcare access among Métis communities. Dr. Robert Henry (PhD), an associate professor in the Department of Indigenous Studies, co-led the project.



National USask-led satellite science mission receives \$17 million in funding

USask researchers have received new CFI funding in support of the HAWC mission, Canada's contribution to a NASA-led, four-satellite climate science mission. Dr. Adam Bourassa (PhD) and Dr. Doug Degenstein (PhD) of the Department of Physics and Engineering Physics are principal investigators on two of the three instruments being developed for the mission.



USask research: For water in Western Canada, forget the old normal

In Canada's future, droughts will be more severe, rainstorms will be more intense, and plentiful water will no longer be taken for granted, says Dr. John Pomeroy (PhD) of the Department of Geography and Planning.



Virtual event: Bangladesh Agriculture—Towards a Prosperous Future

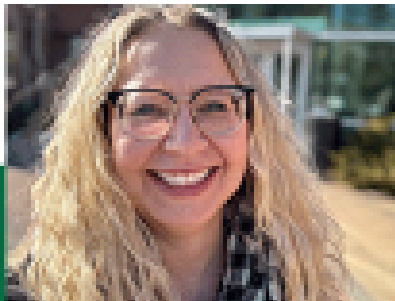
Students, staff and faculty are invited to virtually participate in a roundtable discussion on food security and climate resilience in Bangladesh. USask researchers will join experts from Wageningen University, the Government of Bangladesh and leading NGOs at this May 6 discussion.



By the numbers

7: The number of College of Arts and Science students presented with USask Indigenous Student Achievement Awards during Indigenous Achievement Week. Students were celebrated for their achievements in academics, community engagement, leadership, research and resiliency.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Brenda Mellon **Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Student Office**

Q: What is the focus of your job?

In my role as the Arts and Science academic advisor for the Prince Albert USask campus, I provide support for students on-campus and virtually to any location. Advisors assist students throughout their university journey—from the application process to graduation and everything in between. We help with questions about admission,

registration, course selection, program planning, academic concerns, degree completion, learning communities, support services and more. Acting as mentors and coaches, advisors provide guidance and information for students so they can make informed decisions and determine the best path based on their individual circumstances and academic goals.

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your work in the College of Arts and Science?

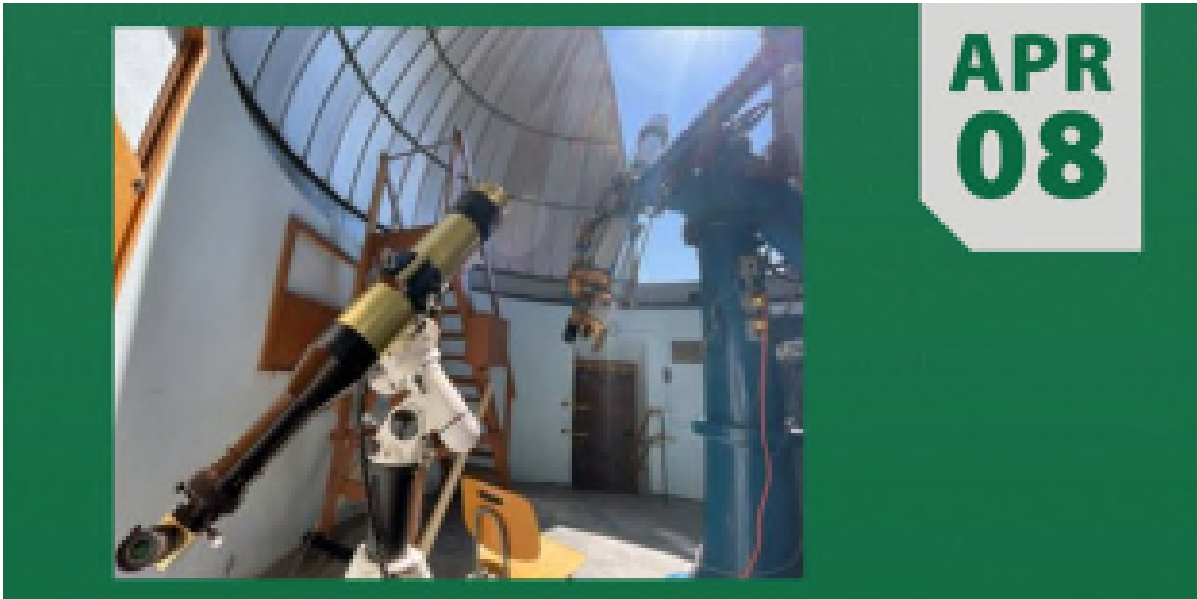
I love making connections with students and supporting them along their university journey. Knowing I've impacted a student's experience by guiding them through academic requirements, facilitating connections with support services, or contributing to their overall university experience is immensely rewarding.

I also enjoy being a member of the UGSO team and am fortunate to work with great colleagues at the PA campus. It's a privilege to work in a collaborative environment where we share a common dedication to putting students first.

Q: How does your work support the college's teaching, learning and research mission?

My role as an advisor contributes to the college's mission of creating a climate of inclusion, empowerment and support. We genuinely care about our students and want them to be successful. By providing holistic support services, we recognize the whole person, creating an environment where students feel valued and empowered to reach their goals. Advisors support recruitment and student engagement initiatives that enrich the overall student experience, positively enhancing retention rates and fostering success.

Upcoming Events



On **Monday, April 8**, a partial solar eclipse will be visible from Saskatchewan. [Come to the USask Observatory between 11:30 am and 2 pm](#) to safely view the eclipse and learn from astronomy experts.

Until April 19 [Exhibition: Human Capital](#)

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April 1 [The Evolution of British Asian Radio in England](#)

April 2 [Candidate Presentation for Director, School for the Arts](#)

April 3 [USask Chamber Ensemble Concert](#)

April 5 [Candidate Presentation for Director, School for the Arts](#)

April 11 [Women Plus Water Lecture](#)

April 15 [Candidate Presentation for Director, School for the Arts](#)

April 17 [Literature Matters: Why Shakespeare?](#)

April 21 [Discovering the Amatis](#)

In the Media

The Wall Street Journal: [Canada Had Designs on Being a Hydro Superpower. Now Its Rivers and Lakes Are Drying Up.](#) (with Dr. John Pomeroy, PhD, Department of Geography and Planning, March 27)

CNN: [Interacting with dogs may affect multiple areas of the brain, study finds](#) (with Dr. Colleen Dell, PhD, Department of Sociology, March 13)

Saskatoon StarPhoenix: ['From strength to strength:' Water research hub brings women's voices to the forefront](#) (with Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace, PhD, Department of Geography and Planning, March 8)

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