

ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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Remembering a USask computing pioneer

The recent passing of an early USask computer scientist has brought renewed attention to her pioneering achievements. Dr. Kathleen Booth (PhD), a former Department of Mathematics and Department of Computer Science researcher who

died this fall at the age of 100, is credited with several of the innovations that made the Information Age possible.



Late USask graduate's wishes fulfilled with creation of chemistry scholarship

Before she passed away, Susan Gibson wanted to give back to USask in a way that would make an impact. She chose to highlight the contributions of her brother, distinguished professor emeritus Dr. Ron Steer (PhD).



Benjamin Hoy wins Governor General's History Award

Dr. Benjamin Hoy (PhD), an associate professor in the Department of History, is the winner of the 2022 Governor General's History Award for Scholarly Research. Hoy was chosen for his 2021 book *A Line of Blood and Dirt: Creating the Canada-United States Border across Indigenous Lands*.



Award-winning USask professor enjoys thriving artistic practice

Alison Norlen—a Department of Art and Art History faculty member and one of the latest individuals named a USask distinguished professor—sees herself as having two important jobs.



USask research to benefit from prestigious Banting Fellowships

Two researchers have been awarded Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships valued at \$140,000 each to carry out projects in the College of Arts and Science.



By the numbers

75: The years since the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies was established at USask. Five years later, USask awarded its first PhD to nuclear physicist Alastair Graham Walter Cameron.

Awards and Accolades

Dr. Priscilla Settee (PhD), interim vice-dean Indigenous, has been invited to speak at COP15, the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, in Montreal. Settee will speak at the conference's Nature and Culture Summit on Dec. 11 as part of a roundtable on the links between biological and cultural diversity

Department of Indigenous Studies assistant professor **Dr. Bobby Henry (PhD)** has been awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Justice and Well-being. The five-year, \$120,000 per year chair will support Henry in research to understand the complexities of gang involvement through a lens of “survance” — survival, resistance and resurgence.

Dr. Luis Buatois (PhD) was recently presented with the Raymond C. Moore Medal from the Society for Sedimentary Geology. The Department of Geological Sciences professor was recognized for his influential contributions to trace fossil research,

his mentorship of young scientists and his services to the global paleontological community.

Department of Geological Sciences professor **Dr. Brian Pratt (PhD)** has been awarded [the Middleton Medal for Sedimentology from the Geological Association of Canada](#). The medal honours long-term contributions to sedimentology by a researcher working in Canada.

Dr. Martyn Clark (PhD), a professor in the Department of Geography and Planning, is one of four USask researchers [named to Clarivate's 2022 Highly Cited Researchers list](#). Researchers in this list have published multiple academic papers that rank in the top one per cent of citations in their fields for the year, as analyzed by the global Web of Science.

Dr. Scott Bell (PhD) and **Dr. Ehab Diab (PhD)** of the Department of Geography and Planning are part of a new Canadian and international research team aiming to understand how cities can build sustainable transportation infrastructure. [The Healthy Cities Implementation Science Team was recently awarded \\$3 million by CIHR.](#)

In the Media

CBC News: [USask researcher hopes to improve public understanding of Indigenous gangs, street lifestyle](#) (with Dr. Bobby Henry, PhD, Department of Indigenous Studies, Nov. 30)

CTV News: [The bloody history of Canada-U.S. border](#) (with Dr. Benjamin Hoy, PhD, Department of History, Nov. 28)

CNN: [It feels like dogs know just when we need them most. Well, they might, experts say](#) (with Dr. Colleen Dell, PhD, Department of Sociology, Nov. 11)

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