

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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[The top 10 stories of 2021](#)

Hundreds of articles about students, staff, faculty and alumni of the College of Arts and Science were shared in 2021 on the college and USask news websites. Read the 10 most-read news stories of the year.



USask artist and musicians explore human perception

Department of Art and Art History faculty member Prof. Allyson Glenn is collaborating with Department of Music head Prof. Dean McNeill and the Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra on a special multisensory concert on Jan. 22.



Having visible tattoos gives psychologists more cred: USask research

New research from the Department of Psychology and Health Studies suggests that potential clients view psychologists with visible, provocative tattoos more positively than psychologists with no tattoos or with less provocative ink. The study was published in *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice* by former doctoral student Dr. Alexandra Zidenberg (PhD), doctoral student Shannah Dutrisac and faculty member Dr. Mark Olver (PhD).

Practice by former doctoral student Dr. Alexandra Zidenberg (PhD), doctoral student Shannah Dutrisac and faculty member Dr. Mark Olver (PhD).



USask at COP26: Excellent science, inspiring art, and a disappointing result for the world

Department of Geography and Planning faculty members Dr. John Pomeroy (PhD) and Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace (PhD) reflected on the outcomes of the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow in November.



[New scholarships will support USask students in fine arts, astronomy and environmental programs](#)

The Gerald & Joan Johnson Endowed Student Award was created through a \$100,000 gift to the College of Arts and Science from the Friends of Cypress Hills Park.



[‘A scientist through and through’: USask historian reflects on Gerhard Herzberg’s life](#)

Dimitry Zakharov, a PhD candidate in the Department of History, is lead historian on Herzberg50—a national project commemorating the 50th anniversary of Gerhard Herzberg’s Nobel Prize in Chemistry. “It is amazing how much the man managed to accomplish,” said Zakharov.



[New USask short film highlights water security issues](#)

A new University of Saskatchewan video that merges art with science was created by students to educate youth about some of Canada’s most pressing water security issues. The short film, titled “Water You Waiting For,” features research from 16 leading scientists working with the Global Water

Futures program.



[USask, City of Saskatoon study explores how to make downtown living attractive](#)

Making parts of downtown more pedestrian-focused, creating more diversified housing close to the riverfront and repurposing barren or underused properties to meet community needs are among key ideas gleaned in a study on making downtown Saskatoon a more desirable place to live. Dr. Ryan

Walker (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Geography and Planning, was the study's principal investigator, and graduate student Zoe Hagen was co-investigator.



[Seven life lessons I learned from Anna-Belle the therapy bulldog](#)

Anna-Belle the bulldog, one of the first registered therapy dogs to visit USask, passed away in late December. On the PAWS Your Stress Blog, Maryellen Gibson—project coordinator in the office of Dr. Colleen Dell (PhD), Research Chair in One Health and Wellness—wrote about Anna-Belle's impact on

therapy dog work in Canada and on the lives of those around her.



[Canadian and Global North research projects survey](#)

Are you a USask researcher who is undertaking a project in the Canadian and Global North? The Office of the Vice-President Research (OVPR) is conducting a survey to take an inventory of USask research projects conducted in the North in order to better communicate the important research being

done in these areas. Let OVPR know about your projects by [filling out the survey](#).



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By the numbers

135: The number of USask researchers named among the world's top scientists, social scientists and academics on [a list recently released by Stanford University](#). The ranking identifies the top two per cent of the most-cited scientists in various disciplines.

STAFF
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Larry Kwok, Publications Officer, Communications Office

Q: When did you start working in the College of Arts and Science?
January 2021.

Q: Using two sentences, how would you describe your work in the college?
I provide creative concept development, design, layout and editorial services for a

wide range of print and digital marketing pieces that promote the College of Arts and Science as well as central USask advancement communications. I work closely with members of the campus community to help achieve university and college priorities while visually communicating a desired message that aligns with the university brand.

Q: What activities do you enjoy outside of work?

Watching movies, kickboxing, art and spending time with my family.

Q: What is something people may find surprising about you?

I used to be part of a hip hop dance group.

Awards and Accolades

Dr. Clinton Westman (PhD), head of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, has written a new book titled [*Cree and Christian: Encounters and Transformations*](#). Published by University of Nebraska Press, the book "develops and applies new ethnographic approaches for understanding the reception and indigenization of Christianity, particularly through an examination of Pentecostalism in northern Alberta."

Dr. James Waldram (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology and head of the Department of Indigenous Studies, is featured in a national report by the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. [*Think Big: How the social sciences and humanities are building a better Canada*](#) includes Waldram and his research into traditional Indigenous healing knowledge and practices.

Upcoming Events



From **Jan. 27–29**, the Saskatchewan Writers’ Guild and the USask MFA in Writing Program will present Writing North 12: Tenacity—an online writers' festival celebrating writers and their perseverance. [View the schedule and register for free online.](#)

Jan. 8: [Elixir Ensemble: The Romantic Viola](#)

Jan. 14: [Literature Matters: Australian Outlaw Tales](#)

Jan. 14–April 22: [Quill Violet Christie-Peters: spilling out, spilling over](#)

Jan. 21–April 22: [Charlene Vickers: Big Blue Smudge](#)

Jan. 22: [Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra: Dimensions In Sound](#)

Jan. 24–April 15: [material + time](#)

Jan. 27: [Delphine von Schauroth and the 19th-Century Woman Artist](#)

Feb. 2–12: [Greystone Theatre: Paradise Park](#)

In the Media

Saskatoon StarPhoenix: ['I've always been able to see music:' Saskatoon prof. animates January SJO concert](#) (with Prof. Allyson Glenn, Department of Art and Art History, and Prof. Dean McNeill, Department of Music, Dec. 30)

CBC Saskatoon: [Saskatoon therapy dog who changed lives of prisoners, eased fears at vaccine clinics, dies](#) (with Dr. Colleen Dell, PhD, Department of Sociology, Dec. 23)

Turned News: [2021, one of the worst years for glaciers in western Canada and not the last](#) (with Dr. John Pomeroy, PhD, Department of Geography and Planning, Dec. 19)

CBC News: [More than three-quarters of homicide victims in Sask. in 2020 were Indigenous: StatsCan](#) (with Dr. Robert Henry, PhD, Department of Indigenous Studies, Dec. 5)

The Globe and Mail: [Understanding space, improving life on Earth](#) (with Dr. Kathryn McWilliams, PhD, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics, and Dr. John Pomeroy, PhD, Department of Geography and Planning, Nov. 19)

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