

ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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Three faculty members receive College of Arts and Science Teaching Awards

Three outstanding instructors are being honoured for their service to students with 2021-22 College of Arts and Science Teaching Awards. Dr. Jon Bath (PhD), Dr. Janeen

Loehr (PhD) and Dr. Colin Sproat (PhD) are the recipients of this year's New Teacher Awards.



Dell honoured with Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award

Dr. Colleen Dell (PhD) understands the importance of mentorship, and she's grateful for the mentors who have positively impacted her life over the years. Now, through her roles as a University of Saskatchewan professor and Centennial Enhancement Chair in One Health and Wellness, and

through her work with the [**PAWS Your Stress therapy dog program**](#), Dell is giving back.



Women in Leadership: Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace works toward a more sustainable future

The College of Arts and Science is publishing a new online series called Women in Leadership featuring researchers who are making a difference at the University of Saskatchewan and beyond. The series begins with an interview with Dr. Corinne Schuster-

Wallace (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Geography and Planning. The Women in Leadership series is an initiative of the Office of the Vice-Dean Faculty Relations and the communications office in the College of Arts and Science.



Wildfire smoke accelerates glacier melt, affects mountain runoff: USask research

As global temperatures rise, wildfires are becoming more common. A new study by University of Saskatchewan hydrology researchers found that exposure to wildfire smoke can cause glaciers to melt faster, affecting mountain runoff that provides major freshwater resources for life downstream.



USask digital exhibit showcases dining practices of ancient Romans

A new University of Saskatchewan digital exhibit is shedding light on dining and reclining practices dating back to 300 – 400 CE. The virtual exhibit, *Cēna*, is a project of USask's [Museum of Antiquities](#), which is home to a collection of Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Near Eastern sculpture in full-scale replica as well as original artifacts.



College Art Galleries to present exhibition by USask graduate Wally Dion

Entitled *skodenstoodis*, the show opens on May 13 and will run until Aug. 26, 2022. As part of the exhibition, the installation of a major sculptural artwork is taking place outdoors on the University of Saskatchewan campus, in the plaza outside the Peter MacKinnon Building. The installation of the artwork is anticipated to continue until May 6.



[Read the spring 2022 issue of Arts&Science magazine](#)

The [spring 2022 issue of Arts&Science](#) magazine is now available. Published in print and online, *Arts&Science* is the magazine for alumni and friends of the University of Saskatchewan's College of Arts and Science.



[USask historian is cofounder of Italy's first LGBT+ History Month](#)

A University of Saskatchewan historian hopes to inspire change in Italy with the creation of a national celebration of LGBT+ history. Dr. Alessio Ponzio (PhD), an assistant professor of history in the College of Arts and Science, is one of the founding organizers of LGBT+ History Month Italia—a month-long celebration taking place for the first time.



By the numbers

20: The age, in years, of the [USask Computer Museum](#), which documents the history of computers at the University of Saskatchewan dating back more than six decades. Completely volunteer-run and funded, the museum does not have a central location on campus, instead offering tantalizing tastes of timeworn technology, modem memorabilia and primitive processors spread over multiple displays in five university buildings.

Upcoming Events



May 14: Women's and Gender Studies Brunch and Panel Discussion

The Women's and Gender Studies Program will [celebrate its 30th anniversary on May 14, 2022](#). A brunch at Marquis Hall at 10:30 am will kick off the celebration, followed by a panel discussion. Tickets to the brunch are \$20 and can be [purchased on Eventbrite](#).

May 2: [SHIFT: Online and In-Person Interview Tips](#)

May 5: [Life and Health Sciences Research Expo](#)

May 9: [USask Alumni Achievement Awards](#)

May 11: [Amati Quartet: Live at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre](#)

May 13: [Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra: The Fab 4 and More: Beatles for Big Band](#)

May 13 - Aug. 26: [Wally Dion: skodenstoodis](#)

May 30: [SHIFT: Non-Linear Career Paths Panel](#)

June 3 - Aug. 30: [Julie Oh: sesame, open yourself](#)

June 4: [Elixir Ensemble presents: Dumka](#)

June 8 - 9: [Prairie Workshop on Languages and Linguistics VI \(PWOLL\)](#)

In the Media

Saskatoon StarPhoenix: [U of S research looks at ways to make the stage inclusive through design](#) (with Prof. Carla Orosz, Department of Drama, April 28)

Saskatoon StarPhoenix: [U of S's Amati instruments reunite for concert with new performers](#) (with Dr. Véronique Mathieu, Department of Music, April 26)

CTV News: ['It's devastating': Sask. beekeepers could see higher mortality rates for honeybees this spring](#) (with Dr. Art Davis, Department of Biology, April 19)

CTV News: [Sask. researchers help crack mystery 518 million years in the making](#) (with Dr. Luis Buatois, Department of Geological Sciences, April 15)

CBC News: [After seeing how gas stoves pollute homes, these researchers are ditching theirs](#) (with Dr. Tara Kahan, Department of Chemistry, April 7)

CBC News: [New program at U of Sask. focusing on queer theory, gender diversity and sexualities](#) (with Dr. Alessio Ponzio, Department of History, April 6)

Awards and Accolades

Alumni, faculty and staff of the College of Arts and Science are [shortlisted in every category of the 2022 Saskatchewan Book Awards](#). Among the nominees are: **Dr. Benjamin Hoy** (associate professor, Department of History); **Dr. Kathryn Magee Labelle** (associate professor, Department of History); **Dr. Robert Henry** (assistant professor, Department of Indigenous Studies); **Diana Hope Tegenkamp** (office coordinator, Department of English); **Dr. Allyson Stevenson** (assistant professor, Department of Indigenous Studies); and **Dr. Pamela Downe** (professor, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology).

Dr. Susanna Barnes (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, was one of the winners of the [2022 Images of Research competition](#). Barnes won in the From the Field category, for an image titled "Out of the Ashes."

University of Saskatchewan professor emeritus **Dr. Gord McCalla (PhD)** is a [2021 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from Computer Science Canada | Informatique Canada \(CS-Can | Info-Can\)](#). The award recognizes current and former faculty members at Canadian computer science departments who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to computing over their careers.

At the University of Saskatchewan, the **Centre for Quantum Topology and its Applications (quanTA)** is using pure mathematics to propel its quantum innovations.

The American Physical Society featured quanTA as one of the world's most exciting new physical sciences institutes in 2022 in their mini-documentary series presented at their annual meeting. [Watch the video](#) to see how faculty and students at quanTA are working to make the Canadian Prairies a hub for quantum science. **Dr. Steven Rayan (PhD)**, quanTA director and a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, also [spoke to CTV News about World Quantum Day](#).

University of Saskatchewan professor emeritus **Dr. Robert Calder (BA'63, MA'65)** is a recipient of an [Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award](#). As the highest honour presented by the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association, the award recognizes a graduate for an outstanding lifetime of accomplishments and contributions to the social, cultural and economic well-being of society in any area. The [USask Alumni Achievement Awards gala](#) will be held on May 9 at TCU Place.

Dr. Dwayne Brenna (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Drama and the Department of English, has written a new book titled *Long Way Home*. [The book launch](#) will be held on May 12. [Watch a trailer about the book](#).

Dr. Jill Blakley (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Geography and Planning and the college's interim vice-dean faculty relations, has co-edited the book [In Our Backyard: Keeyask and the Legacy of Hydroelectric Development](#). **Dr. Bram Noble (PhD)**, a faculty member in the Department of Geography and Planning and the college's vice-dean of research, scholarly and artistic work, is a contributor.

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