

ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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Three College of Arts and Science faculty members named distinguished professors

Technologist Dr. M. Gabriela Mángano (PhD), mixed-media artist Alison Norlen and cognitive psychologist Dr. Valerie Thompson (PhD) are among the latest USask

faculty members awarded the title of distinguished professor. The lifetime honour recognizes exceptional achievements in research, scholarly or artistic work.



Women in Leadership: Carla Orosz wants the theatre to be a welcoming place

"I would advise all people to walk into the workplace with confidence and kindness. Take the time to talk to people in your workplace and find out what it is they need to succeed here," said Department of Drama head Carla Orosz in the latest interview in the College of Arts and Science's Women in Leadership

series.



New USask Symphony Orchestra 'a resounding success'

The new USask Symphony Orchestra is providing students, faculty, staff and off-campus community members with exciting opportunities to collaborate and perform.



Arts and Science Student Hub opens on USask campus

The College of Arts and Science has opened a new space dedicated to serving students. Located on the first floor of the Arts Building, the Arts and Science Student Hub is a new home for study abroad programming and student advising in the college.



[Orano Canada donation will improve access for Indigenous STEM students at USask](#)

A new \$60,000 donation from Orano Canada will enable the College of Arts and Science's Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways team to offer new math and digital literacy programming for students pursuing STEM degree paths.



[Rare instruments see light of day with new series, Discovering the Amatis](#)

Dr. Véronique Mathieu (DMus), the David L. Kaplan Chair in Music, is curating a new concert series showcasing USask's historic collection of Amati string instruments. The next concert in the Discovering the Amatis series is on Oct. 23.



[TEDx: Call for speakers](#)

Did you know USask is gearing up for a future #TEDxUniversityofSaskatchewan event? We are looking for pioneers in discovery who are improving lives, expanding opportunities, strengthening social cohesion and protecting the environment to share their voice and vision. [Apply to speak or perform today.](#)



By the numbers

125: The [confirmed positive COVID-19 case counts](#) at USask for the week ending Oct. 2. It remains important that we take precautions to protect ourselves and others. Stay home if you are sick, regardless if you think it is COVID-19 or not. Masks are still strongly encouraged in all indoor spaces. Notify your people leader/supervisor if you test

positive for COVID-19.

Awards and Accolades

Department of Music head **Dean McNeill** has been [nominated for the Arts and Learning Award](#) at the 2022 Saskatchewan Arts Awards. Recipients of the awards will be announced at a ceremony on Oct. 24.

A team led by **Dr. Cody Phillips (PhD)**, special lecturer in the Department of Computer Science, has been awarded an NSERC Discovery Grant of \$25,000 for five years to [explore the use of video games as an antidote to distraction and procrastination](#).

McGill-Queen's University Press [will publish a new book](#) by Department of History faculty member **Dr. Maurice Jr. Labelle (PhD)**. *The Boomerang Effect of Decolonization: Post-Orientalism and the Politics of Difference* will release in January.

Dr. John Pomeroy (PhD), faculty member in the Department of Geography and Planning, [was invited to present to the United Nations in New York](#) on Sept. 23 about the melting cryosphere and the ongoing threats to groundwater, streamflow and the sustainability of water resources management.

Dr. Alessio Ponzio (PhD), faculty member in the Department of History, has been appointed an adjunct professor at the Università di Torino, where he will teach Italy's only course on the history of homosexuality in spring 2023.

Department of Chemistry faculty member **Dr. David Palmer (PhD)** is the 2021-22 recipient of the Chemistry Students' Society Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award.

Dr. Loleen Berdahl (PhD), faculty member in the Department of Political Studies, has won the [Public Policy Excellence in Mentoring Award](#) from the American Political Science Association. The award recognizes sustained efforts by a senior scholar to encourage the careers of emerging political scientists.

Upcoming Events



Greystone Theatre opens its 2022-23 season with [*The Margin of the Sky*, Oct. 12–22](#). Written by Stewart Lemoine and directed by Shannon Blanchet, it is the story of a Canadian playwright struggling to write a screenplay for his soap opera star brother-in-law in L.A.

Until Dec. 16 [Anna Plesset: Various Records](#)

Oct. 14 [FARLS: The Composer as Process](#)

Oct. 15 [Department of Music Open House](#)

Oct. 18 [LinkedIn Masterclass](#)

Oct. 22 [Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra: Poetics of Jazz](#)

Oct. 23 [Discovering the Amatis: Concert Series](#)

In the Media

The Afternoon Edition: [LGBTQ advocate in Sask. concerned about potential anti-gay policies in Italy](#) (with Dr. Alessio Ponzio, PhD, Department of History, Oct. 3)

Leafly: [Canada's rich and complicated history of psychedelic research](#) (with Dr. Erika Dyck, PhD, Department of History, Sept. 20)

CNN: [How canine visitors can help after tragedy](#) (with Dr. Colleen Dell, PhD, Department of Sociology, Sept. 7)

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