

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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Instructors honoured for teaching excellence

Eight College of Arts and Science instructors are being celebrated with teaching and mentorship awards from the college, USask and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA).

College of Arts and Science Teaching Awards

The College of Arts and Science has recognized five outstanding instructors with 2020-21 teaching awards. The recipients are Dr. Jorden Cummings (PhD), Dr. Kyle McLeister (PhD), Dr. Marla Mickleborough (PhD), Dr. Christopher Phenix (PhD) and Dr. Ulrich Teucher (PhD). [Read more about the College of Arts and Science Teaching Awards recipients.](#)

USask Celebration of Teaching

[Dr. Joanne Leow \(PhD\)](#) and [Dr. Ulrich Teucher \(PhD\)](#) received Provost's Outstanding Teaching Awards from USask at the online Celebration of Teaching on April 30. [Dr. Jeanette Lynes \(PhD\)](#) was presented with the 2021 Outstanding Graduate Mentorship Award previously announced in March.

GSA Awards Gala

Dr. Chanchal Roy (PhD) was [honoured with an Advising Excellence Award](#) from the GSA at the student association's ninth annual awards gala.



[College of Arts and Science employees nominated for staff recognition award](#)

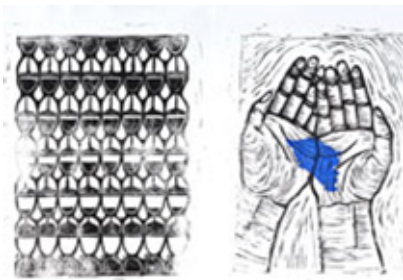
Fourteen outstanding employees of the College of Arts and Science have been nominated for the 2021 Dean's Distinguished Staff Award. Dr. Peta Bonham-Smith (PhD), dean of the College of Arts and Science, will announce this year's recipients at a meeting of Faculty Council on Thursday, May 13. [Read the list of nominees.](#)



Canadian Hub for
Applied and Social Research

[University Library the new home to CHASR](#)

The Canadian Hub for Applied and Social Research (CHASR), previously housed within the College of Arts and Science, now reports to the University Library. The USask-based research support and consulting service—formerly known as the SSRL—will retain its physical locations on campus and will continue to provide its current suite of services.



Virtual Water Gallery brings together a world of art and science

Researchers with the Global Water Futures program have partnered with artists to create an online exhibition that aims to inspire and inform about water issues. Curators include Dr. Martyn Clark (PhD) and Dr. John Pomeroy (PhD) of the Department of Geography and Planning.



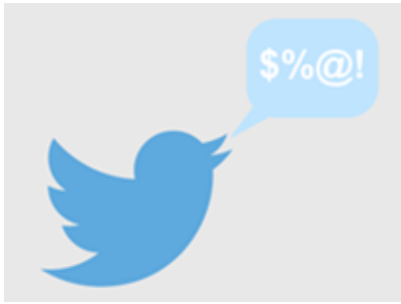
USask chemist receives Water Security Research Excellence Award

Dr. Lee Wilson (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry, is the recipient of the 2021 Water Security Research Excellence Award – Research Staff from the Global Institute for Water Security. Wilson’s research on water security encompasses fundamental science, material design and characterization, technology development, and community health.



USask research examines impact of Earth’s most devastating mass-extinction event

Research conducted by Department of Geological Sciences faculty member Dr. Luis Buatois (PhD) and collaborators in Spain is shedding new light on the most significant mass-extinction event in Earth’s history and the “devastating consequences” it had on oceans and land millions of years ago.



USask study collects 3.5 million anti-Asian tweets amid COVID-19 pandemic

A USask research team—linguistics researcher Dr. Zhi Li (PhD), sociologist Dr. Hongming Cheng (PhD) and computer scientist Dr. Roy Ka-Wei Lee (PhD)—have found that social media hatred directed at the Asian community has risen dramatically since the emergence of COVID-19.

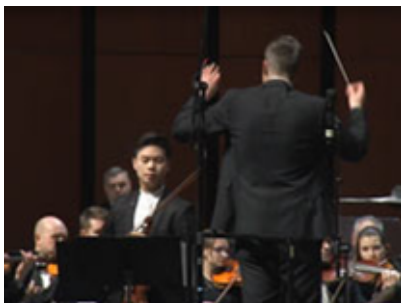


CIHR video series features Colleen Dell

The latest episode of *On the Mic with Mike*, a video interview series hosted by Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) president Dr. Michael Strong (MD), features Dr. Colleen Dell (PhD) of the Department of Sociology. The interview covers topics such as Dell's research on addictions and the integration of therapy animals into her health and wellness studies. [Watch it on](#)

[the CIHR website.](#)

An additional video about a "A PAWSitive Support Project for Veterans with PTSD and Who Problematically Use Substances" was released in April by Dell and her research collaborators. [Watch it on YouTube.](#)



Finding Heinz Moehn

Dr. Amanda Lalonde (PhD) of the Department of Music recently completed a short documentary on the composer Heinz Moehn. *Finding Heinz Moehn* features USask music students performing previously unknown works by Moehn. [Watch the documentary](#) on YouTube and learn more about the research project at heinzmoehn.usask.ca.



USask archaeology students' forensic experience could support TRC calls to action

For several days in early April, a group of USask archaeology students used various methods and technologies to search for lost graves at a local cemetery. The hands-on training could prove valuable as searches continue across Canada for the remains of Indigenous children who died attending residential

schools.



By the numbers

14: The number of College of Arts and Science alumni shortlisted for 2021 Saskatchewan Book Awards. The nominees include Department of English faculty member Dr. Wendy Roy (PhD) for her book *The Next Instalment: Serials, Sequels, and Adaptations of Nellie L. McClung, L.M. Montgomery, and Mazo de la Roche*.

Upcoming Events



This spring, the Diefenbaker Canada Centre launched *Pride on the Prairies*, an online exhibition exploring LGBTQ activism in Saskatchewan from the 1960s through 2020. The exhibition includes significant contributions by Dr. Valerie Korinek (PhD), vice-dean

faculty relations in the College of Arts and Science, and by members of the USSU Pride Centre. [Browse the exhibition online.](#)

May 3–Aug. 21 [Jude Griebel: Illuminated Collapse](#)

May 11 [Online workshop: Learn how to work with *The Conversation*](#)

May 11–14 [Digitized](#)

May 13 [Virtual discussion on COVID-19 and international cooperation with Jennifer Welsh](#)

May 28–29 [Music and Wellbeing Conference 2021](#)

In the Media

The Walrus: [How climate change is affecting water security in Canada and around the world](#) (with Dr. Jay Famiglietti, PhD, Department of Geography and Planning, April 23)

Global News: [USask computer scientist studying e-sports gamers' ability to succeed or fail](#) (with Dr. Madison Klarkowski, PhD, Department of Computer Science, April 20)

CBC Opinion: [Holding cells vs. carpools: what systemic racism looks like in investigation into Colten Boushie's death](#) (by Dr. Robert Henry, PhD, Department of Indigenous Studies, April 8)

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