

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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USask science ambassadors connect virtually with northern schools

In May and June, the science ambassador team in the College of Arts and Science delivered science education activities to about 500 students at schools in nine Northern Saskatchewan communities.



Statement on unmarked graves found at former residential school

On June 24, Dean Peta Bonham-Smith and Vice-Dean Indigenous Angela Jaime released a statement about the 751 unmarked graves found at the former Marieval Indian Residential School at Cowessess First Nation. The statement reads, in part: "We in the College of Arts and Science stand beside Cowessess First Nation as allies ready to listen, understand and accept the truth of what happened."



'It made me even more inspired about geology': USask field course held for first time in La Ronge

When the COVID-19 pandemic curbed travel to the U.S. for a long-standing field course, the Department of Geological Sciences innovated to ensure students could still take part in a much-needed hands-on learning experience.



New \$1.65-million project will help develop next generation of scientists

The NSERC CREATE to INSPIRE program will train students how to work with the Canadian Light Source, while learning the skills to thrive in a fast-paced, high-tech, team environment. Dr. Ingrid Pickering (PhD) of the Department of Geological Sciences is the program director.



Illuminating truth and reconciliation at USask for National Indigenous Peoples Day

With a series of events for National Indigenous Peoples Day 2021, the USask Art Galleries and Collection and the College of Arts and Science sought to start a renewed conversation about truth and reconciliation.



USask professors aim to help Saskatchewan kids notice nature this summer

USask faculty members, including Dr. Erika Dyck (PhD) of the Department of History, are among the collaborators on a new initiative that encourages children and youth to go outside and learn more about the natural world around them.



By the numbers

10 years: The **anniversary being celebrated by the USask MFA in Writing Program** in 2021. The acclaimed graduate program housed in the Department of English has helped launch the careers of award-winning writers from Canada and beyond.

Let's get vaccinated!



Dr. Jack Gray (PhD)
Vice-Dean Research, Scholarly and Artistic
Work

*"Feeling privileged to be able
to do my part."*



Sara Wurst
Human Resources Strategic Business
Advisor

*"I am excited to contribute to
the solution and am grateful
to those who made it
possible!"*



Andrea Wasylow
Director of Planning and Communications

"Lucky to be fully vaxxed!"

Upcoming Events



In Conversation with Jude Griebel and Leah Taylor

At **6 pm on Thursday, July 15**, join a live online conversation with artist Jude Griebel and curator Leah Taylor as they discuss Griebel's current exhibition in the Kenderdine Art Gallery, entitled *Illuminated Collapse*.

Until Aug. 21 **Jude Griebel: Illuminated Collapse**
July 28 **Cheers to Thelma! Online Celebration**

Awards and Accolades

Department of Geological Sciences faculty member **Dr. Kevin Ansdell (PhD)** will serve as the president of Geoscientists Canada for the next year.

Dr. Pamela Downe (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, and her research partners from Prairie Harm Reduction, are one of two inaugural recipients of USask's Publicly Engaged Scholarship Team Award.

Dr. Terry Wotherspoon (PhD), a faculty member in the Department of Sociology, has been recognized with the 2021 Outstanding Contribution Award from the Canadian Sociological Association.

USask researchers were awarded more than \$5 million in NSERC Discovery Grants in June. Recipients included College of Arts and Science faculty members **Dr. Michael Bradley (PhD)** of the Department of Physics and Engineering Physics; **Dr. Neil Chilton (PhD)** of the Department of Biology; **Dr. Zadia Codabux (PhD)** of the Department of Computer Science; **Dr. Mark Eramian (PhD)** of the Department of Computer Science; **Dr. Juxin Liu (PhD)** of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics; **Dr. Christy Morrissey (PhD)** of the Department of Biology; **Dr. Banani Roy (PhD)** of the Department of Computer Science; **Dr. Amy Stevens (PhD)** of the Department of Chemistry; **Dr. Julita Vassileva (PhD)** of the Department of Computer Science; **Dr. Lee Wilson (PhD)** of the Department of Chemistry; and **Dr. Li Xing (PhD)** of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Department of Physics and Engineering Physics faculty members **Dr. Rainer Dick (PhD)**, **Dr. Robert Pywell (PhD)** and **Dr. Thomas Steele (PhD)** were awarded Subatomic Physics Discovery Grants.

USask researchers were awarded more than \$2 million in SSHRC funding in June. The recipients of SSHRC Insight Grants included College of Arts and Science faculty members Dr. Benjamin Hoy (PhD) of the Department of History; **Dr. Robert Innes (PhD)** formerly of the Department of Indigenous Studies; **Dr. Joanne Leow (PhD)** of the Department of English; **Dr. Veronique Mathieu (DMus)** of the Department of Music; Dr. Tatiana Nomokonova (PhD) of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology; Dr. Scott Thompson (PhD) of the Department of Sociology; and **Dr. James Waldram (PhD)** of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology. Additionally, **Dr. Jim Clifford (PhD)** of the Department of History was awarded a SSHRC Partnership Development Grant. Dr. Ehab Diab (PhD) of the Department of Geography and Planning received a SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant.

In the Media

Saskatoon StarPhoenix: [Oil is rebounding, but rural municipalities are waiting on their bills](#) (with Dr. Joel Bruneau, PhD, Department of Economics, July 4)

CBC News: [Learn Indigenous history from Indigenous experts: Sask. Métis prof](#) (with Dr. Allyson Stevenson, PhD, Department of Indigenous Studies, June 21)

Collingwood Today: [Craigleith Depot launches book featuring stories of seven generations of Indigenous women](#) (with Dr. Kathryn Labelle, PhD, Department of History, June 12)

Policy Options: [Can justice in Kamloops come through the International Criminal Court?](#) (by Dr. Kirsten J. Fisher, PhD, Department of Political Studies, June 12)

The Globe and Mail: [How the ground-penetrating technology used to locate unmarked graves is both amazing and complex](#) (with Dr. Terence Clark, PhD, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, June 3)

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