

The logo for SFU Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, featuring the letters 'SFU' in white on a red rectangular background.

FACULTY OF ARTS  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

A photograph of a building with several arched windows, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds. The building's reflection is visible in the water in the foreground. Two people are silhouetted against the sunset, one sitting on a ledge and another standing further back. The overall mood is reflective and serene.

# FASSEMBLY 2021

REFLECTING BACK, MOVING FORWARD



## Adapting to Crisis, Planning for a Better Future

Just over a year ago, we heard news of a mysterious flu in Asia. At the time, none of us could have predicted the COVID pandemic or how it would disrupt life as we knew it. Since then, with the majority of us working, teaching and learning from home, we have all scrambled to balance our work responsibilities, our families' needs, and our own personal mental health and physical safety.

In this last year, our faculty and instructors improvised and adopted remote teaching practices. Our community outreach activities have continued, remotely, bringing people together for much-needed human interactions. Meanwhile, our faculty have begun documenting the impact of the pandemic on our world, and work towards recovery.

I know that the adaptations we have had to adopt are wearing on all of us. And yet, the FASS family is made up of resourceful, smart people. With all of us working in concert, we will continue to achieve our ambitious goals.

I look forward to the possibility of safely returning to campus this fall, and I truly hope to see you in person, later this year.

Jane Pulkingham, Dean / Professor of Sociology | Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), SFU's largest and most diverse Faculty, is comprised of 27 departments, →

# RESEARCH + TEACHING

**\$7,175,500**  
in grants and  
contracts awarded

- \$5,800,000 in Tri-agency Funding with a 74% success rate
- SSHRC Insight grants to FASS totalled: \$2,097,881 to over 18 faculty members as principal and co-investigators.
- \$137,400 International funding
- Total successful grants and contracts in 2019-20: 156.

## Funding Highlights

**Wendy Thornton**, Psychology, received a SSHRC Insight Grant of \$163,300 for her study on Understanding Fraud Susceptibility in Adulthood.

**Sophie McCall**, English, received a SSHRC Insight Grant of \$99,766 for her work on "Indigenous-Led Collaboration in the Indigenous Literary Arts."

**Amanda Watson**, Sociology and Anthropology, received a SSHRC Insight Development grant for her project on "The Politics of the BirthStrike Movement."

**Aude-Claire Fourot**, Political Science, was awarded a SSHRC Connection Grant to study "Cities, Networks and the Governance of Migrations: An International and Multidisciplinary Perspective."

**Pamela Stern**, Sociology and Anthropology, received a Partnership Engage Grant to focus on "Decolonizing Municipal Monuments and Landmarks."



## Awards and accolades

**Yuthika Girme and Ryan Fitzgerald**, Psychology (*above*), were named "Rising Stars" of 2020 by the Association of Psychological Sciences. They were two of only three researchers from Canadian universities to make the list.

**Marjorie Griffin Cohen**, Professor Emeritus, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies and Political Science, won the 2020 Charles Taylor Prize for Excellence in Policy Research from the Broadbent Institute.

**Jasmina Arifovic**, Economics, received the Bank of Canada 2020 Fellowship Award for her work on behavioural and experimental economics.



## Order of Canada

Two FASS colleagues were named to the Order of Canada:

- **Sandra Djwa**, Professor Emerita, English, named Member of the Order of Canada.
- **Yosef Wosk**, Adjunct Professor, Graduate Liberal Studies, Department of Humanities, named Companion of the Order of Canada

## Launch of Two New Minors

In Fall 2020, we launched two minors — Creative Writing and Social Data Analytics. Watch for future free public events and readings from those programs.



## FASS Researchers Respond to COVID-19 – Highlights

**Jeannie Morgan**, Labour Studies and Indigenous Studies, and **Alanaise Goodwill**, Education, working together, received \$437,311 from CIHR to study “Pandemic Experiences and Impacts of COVID-19 on the Mental Health of Indigenous Communities.”

**Marlene Moretti**, Psychology, received \$199,625 from CIHR to study “Reducing Risk and Promoting Health among Vulnerable Teens and their Families in the Context of COVID-19: A Multisite National and International Implementation and Evaluation Study.”

Two scholars in Urban Studies are examining the impacts of Covid-19 on city transit and housing:

- **Anthony Perl**, “Urban Public Transit Recovery During and After Covid-19,” (SSHRC, Partnership Engage, \$18, 597)

- **Yushu Zhu**, “Housing vulnerability in the pandemic: An evaluation of COVID-19 impact on community housing tenant well-being in B.C.” (SSHRC, Partnership Engage, \$24,680)

**Theodore Cosco**, Gerontology, received \$25,000 to explore: “COVID-19: Mental health needs and technological interventions for older adults.”

**Mark Pickup**, Political Science, was awarded \$24,841 to examine “COVID-19: Shaping Public Health Norms with Government Communications.”

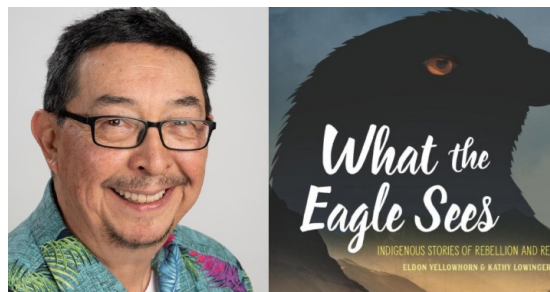
**Lara Aknin**, Psychology, is chair of the mental health task force for the *Lancet’s* covid-19 commission, a group created to help speed the international recovery from COVID-19 with effective solutions found on the basis of global cooperation, social justice and sustainable development.

schools and programs, and home to approximately 33% of SFU’s students and over 370 continuing faculty and staff. →



**Lisa Shapiro**, Philosophy, co-anchors a \$2.78 million partnership grant in Philosophy “Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy.”

There are 12 academic institutions in this project, all collaborating to retrieve and preserve the writings of women and other marginalized philosophers who have been excluded from the canon.



### What the Eagle Sees

**Eldon Yellowhorn**, Indigenous Studies, received the silver Nautilus Award for middle-grade non-fiction, for his book *What the Eagle Sees: Indigenous Stories of Rebellion and Renewal*. The book was also named in their annual best books lists by *Quill & Quire*, CBC Books and Kirkus Reviews, among many others.



### SFU Excellence in Teaching Award

**Jen Marchbank**, Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies, received an SFU Excellence in Teaching Award for her community-engaged teaching. She intertwines teaching, research and community activism into her courses, so that her research informs her teaching and helps her students to realize the potential for action for social justice.



MICHAEL HOWLETT

MARIANNE IGNACE



S. LAUREL WELDON

JODI VILJOEN

### Royal Society of Canada Honours

FASS faculty members made up four of the seven SFU scholars who were named to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) in 2020. Membership in the Royal Society is Canada’s highest academic honour.

Royal Society of Canada Fellows:

- **Michael Howlett**, Political Science
- **Marianne Ignace**, Indigenous Studies and Linguistics
- **S. Laurel Weldon**, Political Science

College of New Scholars:

- **Jodi Viljoen**, Psychology

[www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2020/09/royal-society-of-canada-honours-seven-sfu-innovators.html](http://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2020/09/royal-society-of-canada-honours-seven-sfu-innovators.html)

# STUDENTS + ALUMNI



## Stephanie Allen Receives Top Thesis Award

Stephanie Allen (MURB 2019), Associate Vice President at BC Housing, won the 2020 WAGS Thesis Award for her master's research into Hogan's Alley.



## History Students Stage "Army of Lovers"

**Kirstie Goodfellow** and **Holly French** were the grand prize winners of Simon Fraser University's Student-Community Engagement Award. Their exhibition, titled "An Army of Lovers," was overseen by SFU history professor **Ele Chenier**. Even though the pandemic cancelled the in-person launch, the exhibition is now online and recounts the oral histories of lesbian, bisexual, two-spirit and queer women living in Vancouver in the 1970s and 80s.



## Change Maker

**Ayaan Ismail** (BA 2020) came from Kenya via the WUSC Refugee Program. While finishing her International Studies degree, she also helped to plan the first academic Afrocentrism Conference in BC.



## Mahamudu Bawumia Re-elected Vice President, Ghana

**Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia** (Econ PhD, 1995) was re-elected as Vice President of Ghana and sworn into his position in January 2021.

Working across SFU's campuses, FASS offers vibrant learning, fosters an environment in which innovative and collaborative →

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## Alumni Make Top Lists



**Christie Lo**, Criminology BA 2018, Surrey 25 Under 25



**Emile de Rosenroll**, History MA 2008, Business in Vancouver 40 Under 40



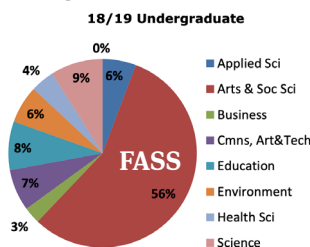
**Rogayah Tabrizi**, Economics PhD 2016, Business in Vancouver 40 Under 40



## Indigenous Language Speakers Celebrate Graduation

SFU's Indigenous Languages Program celebrated its first Hul'q'umi'num' graduates from the Diploma Program in Proficiency in a First Nations Language. Six students—**Christopher Alphonse**, **Roseanna George**, **Martina Joe**, **Thomas Johnny**, **Donna May Modeste**, and **Sharon Seymour** (pictured above with her son)—completed the diploma in December 2019 and were eligible to convocate in June 2020.

## Indigenous Students by Faculty



Source: SFU Institutional Research and Planning

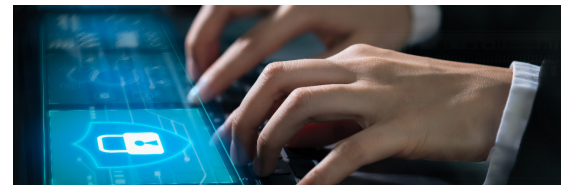
In 2018/19, 56% of SFU's 539 self-declared Indigenous undergraduate students were enrolled in FASS programs.



## FASS Students Sweep Writing Awards

Our students took top honours in the 2020 Student Learning Commons Writing Contest.

- Lower Division: 1st place: **Austyn Johnson**, Communications and Sociology; 2nd place: **Ethan Gibson**, English; 3rd place: **Puck Overhaart**, Political Science
- Upper Division: 1st place: **Angela Starnaman**, Psychology; 2nd place: **Hannah Stanley**, English; 3rd place: **Jennifer Krentz**, Psychology and Criminology



## Terrorism, Risk and Security Studies

In June 2020, the first cohort of students graduated from the master's in Terrorism, Risk and Security Studies (TRSS). Permanent program status is pending Ministry of Advanced Education approval.

# ENGAGEMENT + OUTREACH



SFU  
HISTORY

**LAUREN FAULKNER ROSSI**  
(SFU HISTORY)

**MARIETTE ROZEN DODUCK**  
(VANCOUVER HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTRE)

## Remote Events Attracted Crowds

In June, FASS units quickly pivoted to host remote events. Staff and faculty picked up new skills in managing public Zoom events and have found creative ways to connect with our communities.

In Fall 2021, over 2,600 people attended events including Economics' annual BMO lecture, History's powerful fireside chat with a child Holocaust survivor, an intimate reading and chat to launch this year's Writer in Residence, English, and Urban Studies' Pandemonium Panels on pandemics, sociability and long range planning.

research thrives, and engages diverse communities through public programming. In 2020, we rose to the tremendous →

## Arts Central

In the first two months of 2020, Arts Central welcomed 450 high school students to 11 recruiting events. The team then pivoted to remote delivery, a necessity which led to higher engagement numbers. In addition, many sessions were recorded for the FASS e-Library.

Recruiting Activity	Sessions	Registrants
e-Lectures	15	418
Information Sessions	8	279
FASS in the Class (virtual)	9	253
Independent Visits	14	413
SRA-led events	14	1,346
Education Fairs	1	3,100
Socials/DSU-led Sessions	24	135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>5,944</b>

## FASS First-Year Advising Pilot

FASS has hired two first-year advisors to support new students who started in Fall 2020 (1808 students) and Spring 2021 (400 students). This pilot — realized in partnership with Student Services — aims to create a sense of belonging by supporting and empowering students in their first year. Among the activities are workshops, check-ins, course planning sessions and newsletters. We reach out to at-risk students and have created weekly live advisor drop-in sessions. Finally, FASS Socials are offered to over 25 100-level courses — these are collaborations between instructors and Arts Central where FASS mentors will organize social activities over Zoom to provide new FASS students much-needed social connections in the remote learning environment.



## Shadbolt Fellows Work to Engage Our Communities

COVID-19 delayed but did not interrupt the work of the Jack and Doris Shadbolt Fellows in the Humanities.

- **Otoniya Okot Bitek** (English), an Acholi poet who will be working on an un/settled, a literary art exhibition
- **Eden Robinson** (Indigenous Studies), an acclaimed author who is best known for her bestselling Trickster trilogy
- **Fabian Romero** (Indigenous Studies), a non-binary artist, filmmaker, and poet
- **prOphecy sun** (Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies) an ecofeminist who will be working on *Compositions for the Fraser Lowlands*

Next year's Shadbolt Fellows will be **Joanne Arnott** (Indigenous Studies), **Erin Soros** (English), **Megan J. Davies** (Gerontology) and **Alana Gerecke** (Urban Studies).

[www.sfu.ca/fass/news/](http://www.sfu.ca/fass/news/)

## Looking Forward

FASS units continue to plan engaging events. A few events coming up in 2021:

- February 9: Envisioning Social Justice From the Margins
- February 9: The Coloniality of White Rage: The Police Shooting of Loreal Tsingine
- February 24: Urban Resilience: New Realities
- February 25: Afua Cooper (GSWS 50)
- March 8: How do we talk about military sexual violence & why does it matter?
- March 11: Susan Stryker (GSWS 50)
- March 25: Thea Cacchioni (GSWS 50)
- April 7: Stó:lo Shxweli and Resilience
- April 8: Dana Claxton (GSWS 50)

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# FACULTY + STAFF

## Staffing Update

FASS faculty and staff pivoted their work in support of our students. Despite working remotely, we were able to onboard a significant number of new faculty and staff to sustain complement, support new remote teaching needs, and help with new initiatives such as the FASS First Year Remote Advising Pilot.



**Mary-Ellen Kelm**, Professor, History, is our new Associate Dean, Research & International. Her portfolio includes all research-related activities and liaising with senior administration international initiatives.



**Lara Campbell**, Professor, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, is our new Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programming, Learning and Teaching, Student Experience, including all undergraduate curriculum matters.



**Jasper Stoodley** is the new Director, FASS Information Systems. To increase support for your IT needs, he has created a new team of IT staff who support all FASS faculty and staff. To reach the team, email [fasshelp@sfu.ca](mailto:fasshelp@sfu.ca).



**Laurie Summers** is the new Senior Director of Faculty Operations and Planning for FASS. Most recently, she was the Assistant Provost in the UCLA Office of the Chancellor. Earlier in her career, she was at SFU in the Office of the VP Academic.

challenges of remote teaching, research and working life during a global pandemic. We demonstrated great resiliency and →

## Welcome New Continuing Faculty

- **Chelsey Geralda Armstrong**, Indigenous Studies
- **Nadine Attewell**, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies; Global Asia Program
- **Edana Beauvais**, Political Science
- **Nicolas Bommarito**, Philosophy
- **Catherine Dauvergne**, International Studies; Vice President, Academic
- **Minjie Deng**, Economics
- **Evelyn Encalada Grez**, Sociology and Anthropology; Labour Studies Program
- **May Farrales**, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies; Geography
- **Colton Fehr**, Criminology
- **Chie Furukawa**, World Languages and Literatures
- **Sarah Henzi**, Indigenous Studies; French
- **Mohsen Javdani**, Public Policy; Urban Studies
- **Brianne Kent**, Psychology
- **Maureen Kihika**, Sociology and Anthropology; Labour Studies Program
- **Alexandra King**, Philosophy
- **Diana Lim**, Psychology
- **Shannon Linning**, Criminology
- **Helene Love**, Criminology
- **Megan MacKenzie**, International Studies
- **Isabel Mayo-Harp**, World Languages and Literatures
- **Cristina Moretti**, Sociology and Anthropology
- **Kyle Willmott**, Sociology and Anthropology

## Welcome New Continuing Staff

- **Toyosi Bamgboye**, FASS Arts Central
- **Michelle Beninteso**, Linguistics
- **Joan Chamunorwa**, Economics
- **Dasha Cotic-Ehn**, Sociology and Anthropology
- **Cheyenne Cunningham**, Indigenous Languages
- **Kaitlan Davis**, FASS Arts Central
- **Sepideh Fotovatian**, Economics
- **Sasha Gill**, Gerontology
- **Michel Hasrouni**, FASS IT Systems
- **Elise McClay**, Linguistics
- **Aali Mirjat**, History
- **Heather Montgomery**, Dean's Office
- **Kathy Nguyen**, Psychology
- **Kimberly O'Donnell**, Dean's Office
- **David Parry**, FASS IT Systems
- **Lindsay Sands**, Gerontology; Public Policy; Urban Studies
- **Jasper Stoodley**, FASS IT Systems
- **Laurie Summers**, Dean's Office
- **Sarah Turner**, Economics
- **Erik Tryggvason**, FASS IT Systems

## Space, the Final Frontier

FASS space improvements and moves:

- Renovations, IT and improvements in Arts Central, Gerontology, GSWS, International Studies, Political Science, Public Policy, Urban Studies and FASS at Surrey.
- Humanities and Hellenic Studies merged on the AQ 6th floor, allowing the new Department of World Languages and Literatures to consolidate on the 5th floor.
- Indigenous Languages, Indigenous Studies and the IUPP are developing a new cluster of activity in RCB.

## In Memoriam

We were greatly saddened to lose the following FASS colleagues in 2020–21.

**Ron Baker**, Director of Academic Planning for SFU and the founding Head of the English Department

**Chinmoy Banerjee**, professor emeritus, English

**Ted Cohn**, professor emeritus, Political Science

**Bill Krane**, professor emeritus, Psychology and former Associate Dean in FASS

**Don Devoretz**, professor emeritus, Economics

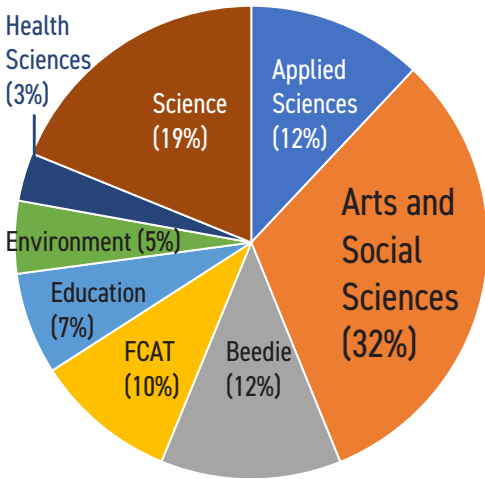
**George MacDonald**, major donor for the Bill Reid Foundation and Bill Reid Centre

**Andrew Mack**, Director, Human Security Report Project, International Studies

# THE NUMBERS

## Undergraduate Enrolment Trends

FASS continues to serve over 30% of SFU students. The chart below compares undergraduate students in all SFU Faculties for 2020/21.



### Enrolments Increased

We had expected undergraduate enrolments to decrease due to the pandemic.

In reality, our enrollments increased slightly, from 7,358 to 7,681 AFTEs, a 4.4% increase. The university as a whole saw a 3.6% increase in enrolments



### Dutton Essay Prize for The Humanities (DEPTH)

**Paul Dutton**, Humanities' first faculty member, retired in 2020. Donations are being accepted to a new fund that will recognize and reward excellent student writing. He comments, "Twitter and e-mail just don't draw out of us our best writing. The essay is an endangered thing."

[www.sfu.ca/fass/news/2020/11/dept-of-humanities-launches-student-award-to-honour-retired-professor-paul-edward-dutton.html](http://www.sfu.ca/fass/news/2020/11/dept-of-humanities-launches-student-award-to-honour-retired-professor-paul-edward-dutton.html)

flexibility in creating new or reimagined initiatives in student support, teaching, research and public engagement.

## FASS Budget

	2019–20 (actual) ('000s)	2020–21 (projected) ('000s)
Community contracts (INLP)	533	148
Salary recovery	7,017	7,138
Faculty budget allocation	61,857	63,395
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>69,407</b>	<b>70,681</b>
CFL	37,502	38,874
Term faculty	4,089	4,570
Sessional	1,577	1,311
TA	4,801	5,150
APSA, CUPE, Temp	7,031	8,334
Benefits	9,529	10,178
Operating	2,835	1,480
Capital commitments (CFI and others)	350	636
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>67,714</b>	<b>70,533</b>

### Budget Principles and Processes

- We worked hard to reduce the reliance on temporary instruction in FASS course planning for 2021–22.
- We implemented a new approach to course planning which establishes a cap on spending on temporary instructors and teaching assistants.
- We seek to have continuing faculty teaching across all levels of the curriculum in every program and location, and especially in core and foundational classes.
- We follow the principle that temporary instruction should be used sparingly to meet transitional, specialized and unexpected instructional needs.
- We developed a series of "New Momentum Reports" which focus on instruction and enrollment trends in nineteen Departments, and in the entire Faculty.
- We conducted a pilot project with five Departments for a new 9SP (nine semester planning) module in TRACS to assist with longer-range course planning.

## Advancement Update

Funds raised in in 2019/2020 are valued at \$2,538,665.

FASS Advancement is working with faculty departments to develop alumni engagement and fundraising campaign strategies to celebrate Department anniversaries. If your department has an anniversary coming up, contact FASS Advancement: [fassgift@sfu.ca](mailto:fassgift@sfu.ca) or call 604-351-1528.

Upcoming anniversaries:

- Economics (55)
- Graduate Liberal Studies (30)
- Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (50)
- Gerontology Research Centre/ Department of Gerontology (40 in 2022)



### Wister-Mitchell Graduate Scholarship

In celebration of the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Gerontology Research Centre, Andrew Wister and Barbara Mitchell have created a scholarship to recognize and provide financial support to one or more graduate students in the Department of Gerontology.

## Untitled

Along the edge  
of dark pines  
the hour falls  
into bruise  
whatever blights  
mercy leads  
cadence  
to censure  
all of us  
garden our  
simplicity  
lakes of it  
slung between  
mountains  
where we become  
just able to  
hold each other  
still

Steve Collis  
Professor, English

## Creating Happiness

Engaging in kind and generous acts towards other people makes us — the helpers — feel good. This isn't unique to adults in North America. We've seen it in kids, and in countries around the world, in ex-offenders, and in large-scale replication reports.

Lara Akin  
Associate Professor, Psychology;  
Distinguished University Professor

**Steve Collis and Lara Akin** were the guest speakers at the FALL FASS Connections event. Their research and creativity show how the arts and social sciences work together to form insights into the human condition.

*DYK: The three trees on the side of the AQ pond symbolize SFU's trimester system. They have recently been replanted.*