



# 2023 FASS FORUM

CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR





# DEAN'S MESSAGE



**S. Laurel Weldon**

*Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Distinguished SFU Professor, Political Science*

## CELEBRATING FASS

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to FASS Forum, our year-in-review for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. We are Simon Fraser University's largest Faculty, standing at the forefront of innovative research and teaching within the university and beyond.

FASS proudly celebrates the incredible accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni over the past year. This handout showcases a condensed selection of our Faculty's highlights in academic awards, community engagement, and research achievements across a myriad of disciplines.

This past year, our nationally and globally renowned scholars published ground-breaking research and were successful in winning a vast range of prestigious awards, grants, and funding both internal and external to SFU.

FASS' research excellence has seen widespread media coverage and amplification this past year, with our experts speaking on topics ranging from the war in Ukraine to vaccine mandates. Partnerships with research societies and Indigenous communities have further advanced our commitment to public outreach and reconciliation.

As I embark on my term as the Dean of FASS, I am excited to explore even more new possibilities to elevate our research excellence at SFU, in Canada, and around the world.

I look forward to speaking with everyone and working collaboratively to create a strategic plan for a bright FASS future.

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# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## LEADING THE WAY IN INNOVATIVE TEACHING

SFU introduced the Blended (B) course classification as a pilot in Spring 2022 and FASS currently leads the university in transitioning its courses to a blended learning format. Since 2020, FASS has offered 75% of all blended course seats at SFU.

FASS Forward continues into its third year offering one-credit courses, with strong participation and positive responses from students across SFU. Recently launched offerings include two new EDI-focused courses and an asynchronous online course on Indigenous treaties in Canada.



## SUPPORTING OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

The FASS TA Mentor pilot program was a great success and will continue in the coming year. The first of its kind at SFU, the program provides valuable guidance and support to TAs new to the role, and by extension creates a better learning experience for students.

To assist TAs, FASS also developed a new, comprehensive manual to guide them through this essential position.

## LAUNCHING NEW UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

A new interdisciplinary undergraduate program, the Public Policy minor, offers students the opportunity to learn applied public policy skills and practical analysis. Students will be able to complete a concentration in Technology and Innovation in Public Policy or in Applied Public Policy.

## FURTHERING INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION AND LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

The Fall of 2022 welcomed the first cohort of the new Master of Arts in Indigenous Languages and Linguistics. In partnership with Indigenous communities and organizations, the program prioritizes Indigenous ways of inquiry and features mentorship by Indigenous Elders and knowledge keepers.

The demand for Indigenous language courses continues to grow across BC. Over the years, the Indigenous Languages Program (INLP) has seen a dramatic increase in undergraduate enrollments. From 2018/19 to 2022/23, there has been a 156% increase in undergraduate enrollments from 449 to 1,150 students.

This past year also saw the launch of the Snuneymuxw Learning Academy in Nanaimo, the second of two language hubs formed in collaboration with Indigenous communities.



2018/19 to 2022/23

# 156%

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# RESEARCH

**\$10,156,259**

TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS  
(OVERALL 67% SUCCESS RATE)

**\$6,194,109**

TRI-AGENCY FUNDING

**\$1,417,000**

SSHRC INSIGHT GRANTS AND  
SSHRC INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

**\$155,000**

INTERNATIONAL FUNDING

\* 2021-2022 fiscal year

## Guggenheim Fellow



**MICHAEL HATHAWAY**  
Sociology & Anthropology

## 2022 Royal Society of Canada Fellows



**DAVID CHARIANDY**  
English



**MAITE TABOADA**  
Linguistics

## 2022 Canada Research Chairs



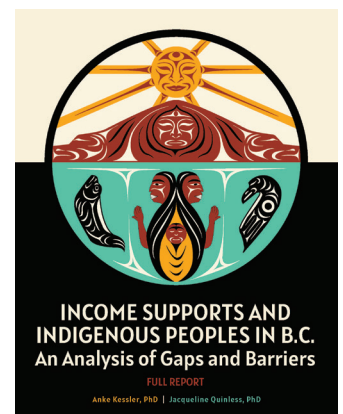
**BRIANNE KENT**  
Psychology  
*CRC in Translational Neuroscience and Dementia*



**SERENA CANAAN**  
Economics  
*CRC in Applied Microeconomics*

## RESEARCH SNAPSHOT IN 2022

- The Blackfoot and Cree Revitalization Project led by **Eldon Yellowhorn** (Indigenous Studies) created a Blackfoot chatbot and received SFU's inaugural Computing Science Diversity Award.
- **Marlene Moretti** (Psychology) and her research team developed an online course supporting parents and youth experiencing mental health challenges. Implemented across the globe, it has helped families meet urgent mental health needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In partnership with Indigenous communities, **Anke Kessler** (Economics) co-authored a report to help inform provincial and federal governments in addressing poverty among BC's Indigenous population.
- The Xinjiang Documentation Project led by **Guldana Salimjan** (Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies) and **Darren Byler** (International Studies) received a SSHRC Partnership Development Grant. The Project chronicles the extrajudicial detention of Uyghurs and Kazakhs in Xinjiang, China.
- **Alexander Karaivanov, Dongwoo Kim, Shih En Lu and Hitoshi Shigeoka** (Economics) found that vaccine mandates increased uptake of COVID shots by almost 70%.
- In response to the Russia-Ukraine war, many of our FASS researchers, including **Nicole Jackson, Paul Meyer, Megan MacKenzie** (International Studies), **James Horncastle** (Global Humanities), **Elis Vllasi** (Political Science), **Ilya Vinkovetsky** (History) and more have lent their expertise on the subject in various media interviews and public panel events.





# ADVANCEMENT



## APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES RECEIVES \$3.5M DONATION TO FUND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

The Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia (SNPBC) donated \$3.5M to the Applied Legal Studies (ALS) program to fund an endowed professorship. The gift is a milestone in the SNPBC's longstanding partnership with SFU Criminology, which dates back to when both parties came together to establish the MA in Applied Legal Studies program in 2008.

This is the only program recognized by SNPBC and as of March 2021, more than half of BC's practicing notaries are graduates of the program.



Representatives from SNPBC together with SFU administration and FASS executives met on the Burnaby Campus to recognize the Society's contribution to the development of the ALS program.

*"FASS is strongly committed to better integrating academic research and career development through our departments. The partnership we share with SNPBC in the MA-ALS program is a prime example of this."*

— S. Laurel Weldon, FASS Dean

TOTAL RAISED FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR

**\$5.4M**

THE MOST RAISED BY AN SFU FACULTY



Students at the Urban Studies program information session in December

## MAKING BETTER CITIES GRADUATE AWARD FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN URBAN STUDIES

With the support of a financial gift from the ONNI Gives Foundation, Urban Studies established the Making Better Cities Graduate Award for Indigenous Students in Urban Studies as part of its commitment to supporting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The scholarship will support Indigenous students pursuing a graduate degree or graduate diploma in Urban Studies.

# AWARDS + PUBLICATIONS

## EXTERNAL AWARDS

### YWCA Women of Distinction Award

JEN MARCHBANK  
Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies

### John Rae Prize

KRISHNA PENDAKUR  
Economics

### BC Sports Hall of Fame

DAVID COX  
Psychology

### Michael Smith Health Research C2 Award

BARBARA MITCHELL  
Gerontology | Sociology

### Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces

RYAN PROX  
Criminology

### 2021 Entomological Society of Canada Gold Medal and ESA Award in Medical, Urban, & Veterinary Entomology

GAIL ANDERSON  
Criminology

### Dr. Ambedkar Arts & Literature Award

DEANNA REDER  
English | Indigenous Studies

### Herb Wylie Prize in Canadian Literature

SARAH HENZI  
French | Indigenous Studies

## SFU AWARDS

### Nora & Ted Sterling Prize in Support of Controversy

ALEXANDRA LYSOVA  
Criminology

### Chris Dagg Award for Impact in International Sustainable Development

JOHN RICHARDS  
Public Policy

### Community-Engaged Researcher Award

EVELYN ENCALADA GREZ  
Labour Studies | Sociology & Anthropology

### Community-Engaged Graduate Scholar Award

JASON PROULX  
Psychology

ERICA MCADAM  
Public Policy

### Community-Engaged Partnership Award

MEG HOLDEN  
Urban Studies in partnership with South Vancouver Neighbourhood House

### Community-Engaged Research Initiative Special Recognition Award

InterGenNS led by:  
HABIB CHAUDHURY  
Gerontology

RACHELLE PATILLE  
Gerontology

SUE CARABETTA  
North Shore Community Resources Society

### 2021 Simon Fraser University Media Newsmaker Award

MEGAN MACKENZIE  
International Studies

### 2022 Simon Fraser University Media Newsmaker Award

ANDY YAN  
Urban Studies

DARREN BYLER  
International Studies

LARA AKNIN  
Psychology

### Staff Achievement Award - Student Service

ARTS CENTRAL  
Bettina Cenerelli, Brian Fox, Claire de Lisser, Claudia Hart, Elisa Herrell, Kaitlan Davis, Karonne Mozsar, Meghan Grant, Rosaline Baik, Toyosi Bamgboye, Tracey Sherwood, and Wendy Szeto



Order of BC  
MAUREEN MALONEY  
Public Policy



## Excellence in Teaching Awards

DANIELLE MURDOCH  
Criminology

YUTHIKA GIRME  
Psychology

AMANDA WATSON  
Sociology & Anthropology

## FASS AWARDS

### Cormack Teaching Awards

HEATHER BLISS  
Linguistics

SUZANNA CRAGE  
Sociology & Anthropology

NICOLAS KENNY  
History

MARTIN SANTAMARIA  
Economics

RYLAN SIMPSON  
Criminology

LUKE CLOSSEY  
History

### Dean's Medal Awards

ERIC BEAUREGARD  
Criminology

JOHN MCDONALD  
Psychology

MARY-ELLEN KELM  
History

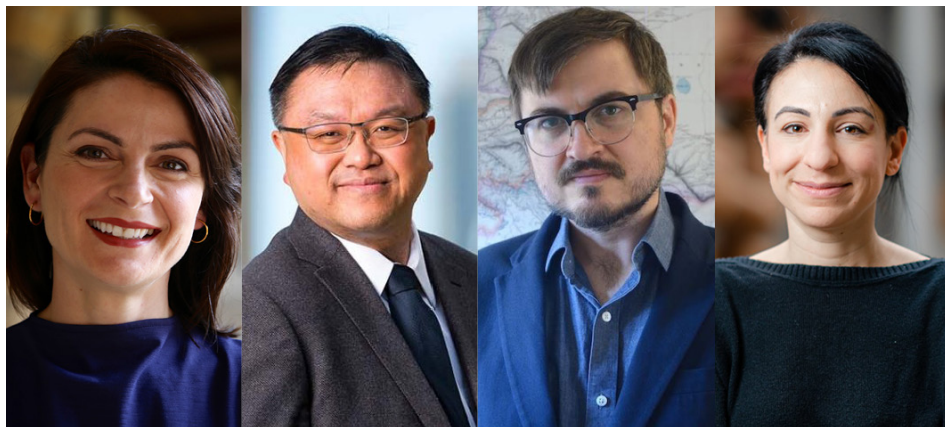
VAIBHAV SARIA  
Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies

### Employee Achievement Award - Changemaker

DERRICK WOO  
FASS Dean's Office

### Employee Achievement Award - Individual Work Performance

LAUREN GILBERT  
Global Humanities



SFU 2021-2022 Newsmakers: Megan MacKenzie, Andy Yan, Darren Byler, and Lara Akinin

### Employee Achievement Award - Lifetime Contributions

FASS IS & TRACS TEAM  
Chiyoko Kawano, CJ Ng, David Deng, Edward Molina, Elise McClay, Erik Tryggvason, Harry Janke, Jasper Stoodley, Jianping Chen, Jiansen Lu, Michael Hsu, Michel Hasrouni, and Tess Williams.

### Employee Achievement Award - Teaching Assistant or Tutor Marker

HOLLIS SCHMIDT  
Criminology

### Employee Achievement Award - Term Teaching or Research Faculty

SEPIDEH FOTOVATIAN  
Economics

### Employee Achievement Award - Team

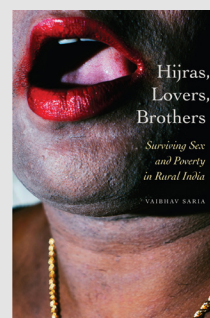
FASS MANAGERS  
Anne Marie Barrett, Brian Chand, Cristina Serverius, Dawn Allison, Ellen Yap, Judi Fraser, Karen Sawatzky, Laura Bologea, Leena Edmeads, Lynn Kool, Maria Hamilton Mike Perry, Phil Cunningham, Rita Parmar, Roberta Neilson, Sylvia Chow, Tara Smith, Tracey Anbinder, and Valerie Ceppi

## PUBLICATIONS



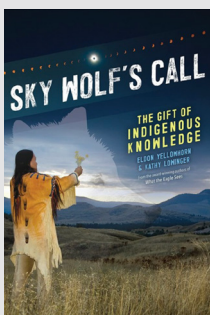
*La francophonie de la Colombie-Britannique* offers a unique portrait of BC's Francophone community.

Contributions by:  
**Rémi Léger and Geneviève Brisson**



*Hijras, Lovers, Brothers* was one of the winners for the 2023 Association for Asian Studies Book Prizes.

**Vaibhav Saria**



*Sky Wolf's Call* is an authoritative tribute to Indigenous knowledge systems that's a must-have for every library and classroom.

**Eldon Yellowhorn**



*Brother* was adapted to a film and premiered at several film festivals across Canada and internationally before its theatrical release.

**David Chariandy**

# FACULTY + STAFF

## IN MEMORIAM



**Dorothy Chun**  
SOCIOLOGY



**Edward Ingram**  
HISTORY



**Elinor W. Ames**  
PSYCHOLOGY



**Frank Cunningham**  
URBAN STUDIES



**Jasmina Arifovic**  
ECONOMICS



**Jodi Viljoen**  
PSYCHOLOGY



**John Lowman**  
CRIMINOLOGY



**Raymond D. Bradley**  
PHILOSOPHY

## RETIREMENTS

- **Andrea Geiger**, History
- **Catherine Black**, French
- **Dean Mellow**, Linguistics
- **Greg Dow**, Economics
- **Habiba Zaman**, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies
- **John Richards**, Public Policy
- **Robert Gordon**, Criminology
- **Mary-Ellen Kelm**, History
- **Neil Boyd**, Criminology
- **Noel Dyck**, Sociology & Anthropology
- **Parin Dossa**, Sociology & Anthropology
- **Patrick Smith**, Political Science; Urban Studies
- **Russell Day**, Psychology
- **Urs Ribary**, Psychology

## NEW CONTINUING FACULTY

- **Carman Fung**, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies
- **Claudia Wong**, Linguistics
- **Evan Freeman**, Global Humanities
- **Genevieve LeBaron**, Public Policy
- **Hali Kil**, Psychology
- **John-Henry Harter**, History
- **Kaitlin Fredericks**, Criminology
- **Kino Zhao**, Philosophy
- **Maria Barraza**, World Languages and Literatures
- **Wenona Hall**, Indigenous Studies
- **Zoe Todd**, Indigenous Studies

## NEW CONTINUING STAFF

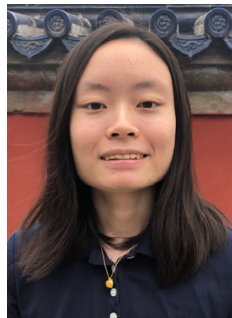
- **Alyssa Bridgman**, English
- **Ashley Schultheiss**, Dean's Office
- **Baixue Wang**, Psychology
- **Beth Ren**, Psychology
- **Casey McCarthy**, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies
- **Clare Zheng**, Dean's Office
- **Claudia Hart**, Dean's Office
- **David Deng**, Dean's Office
- **David Weston**, Dean's Office
- **Ferruccio Susin**, Psychology
- **Inayat Lakhani**, Linguistics
- **Kim Regala**, Linguistics
- **Lina Jin**, Global Humanities
- **Linda Jensen**, Criminology
- **Luca Cavasso**, Dean's Office
- **Mary Palisoc**, Psychology
- **Megan McLarnon**, Psychology
- **Meghan Grant**, Dean's Office
- **Michael Hsu**, Dean's Office
- **Michelle Son**, Dean's Office
- **Paymaneh Ritchie**, Public Policy
- **Rita Boustani**, World Languages & Literatures
- **Robyn Humphreys**, Dean's Office
- **Samar Sidhu**, Political Science
- **Sarah Turner**, Economics
- **Simar Bains**, English
- **Sofia Ortega**, Criminology
- **Sophia Zeng**, Dean's Office
- **Timothy Michel**, Dean's Office
- **Yashaswi Kamboj**, Psychology



# STUDENTS + ALUMNI



**Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Inclusion, Democracy, and Reconciliation**  
**ASHLEY KYNE**  
 Criminology



**Gordon M. Shrum Undergraduate Gold Medal**  
**SPENCER CHEN**  
 Psychology



**Dean's Undergraduate Convocation Medal**  
**MARIA CUMMISKEY**  
 Psychology

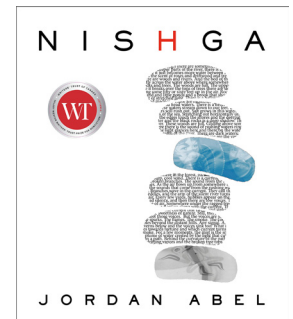


**Terry Fox Gold Medal**  
**COLTON BOREEN**  
 Behavioural Neuroscience

## LITERARY EXCELLENCE

English and World Literatures student **Isabella Wang's** poetry book *Pebble Swing* was listed as a finalist while English alumnus **Jordan Abel's** *NISHGA* received the Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Prize at the 2022 BC Book Prizes.

Abel's book illuminates the realities of intergenerational survivors of residential schools, and sheds light on Indigenous experiences that may not seem to be immediately (or inherently) Indigenous. Wang's book is a collection of poems about language, family histories, and the experiences of a seventeen-year-old poet who left home to pursue writing.



## STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



History and Political Science alumnus **Randip Janda** made history by becoming NHL's first full-time radio commentator of South Asian heritage. He is currently a Vancouver Canucks broadcaster for Sportsnet 650.

English alumnus **Jarod Liebenberg** independently published, *The Train to Sleepy Hollow*, a children's story he wrote for a Creative Writing class assignment, and it became an Amazon bestseller.

Economics honours student **Collyn Gagne** was named the Lorne Davies Male Athlete of the Year, and represented Canada at the 2022 World Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

FASS graduate students were the most successful at obtaining Tri-Agency Canada Graduate Scholarships compared to other Faculties at SFU.

## TRI-AGENCY CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS (CGS)

**7**

**CGS-DOCTORAL RECIPIENTS**  
 (Out of SFU's total of 16)

**22**

**CGS -MASTER'S RECIPIENTS**  
 (Out of SFU's total of 40)

**2**

**VANIER CGS RECIPIENTS**  
 (Out of SFU's total of 3)

# ENGAGEMENT + OUTREACH

## RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH

FASS recruitment and outreach started 2022 with all offerings being virtual due to the ongoing pandemic. Throughout the year, Arts Central slowly started to bring back their in-person offerings. Since Fall 2022, FASS has been providing a mix of both online and in-person recruitment and outreach activities, including FASS in the Class, Discover FASS, FASS Presentations, in addition to supporting external events and SFU Student Services initiatives.

### FASS Sessions: Virtual & In-Person

FASS Presentations	22
FASS in the Class	20
Discover FASS	6
Other	12
<b>Total sessions</b>	<b>60</b>

### Attendees by Semester

Spring	1,077
Summer	433
Fall	1,959
<b>Total attendees</b>	<b>3,469</b>

## ADVISING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- » Welcome and mid-term newsletters to all undeclared students in FASS (every term)
- » Targeted and pre-emptive outreach to students at risk of academic probation
- » Course planning workshops (6)
- » Elective Grading Workshops (3)
- » Participation in all events organized by Student Services, including Advising Saturdays, Welcome Days, information evenings, and scholarship events
- » Organization of additional events: FASS Camps, pathway presentations in high school Grade 10, and FIC information sessions

When SFU Admissions suspended physical offer packages for new students in 2021, FASS took it upon itself to create a Faculty-specific physical mailout for all newly admitted FASS students each spring. This initiative has continued ever since, with nearly 3,500 packages being sent to incoming students every year!



## FASS ADVISING

- » **4,350** UNDECLARED STUDENTS UNDER 60 UNITS
- » **1,208** UNDECLARED STUDENTS ABOVE 60 UNITS
- » **541** BA TWO-MINORS, NON-DEGREE ARTS, AND PBD STUDENTS

Since the introduction of Advisor Link, a number of departments have started advising students on this platform, including Criminology, Philosophy, Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies, French, Global Humanities, and Psychology. More departments are making plans to join, including Sociology & Anthropology, International Studies, Labour Studies, and Economics.

## FASS MENTORSHIP

The Arts Central Mentorship Program was very active over the past year with 97 mentors working with 264 mentees. SFU Welcome Days saw big turnouts, particularly in the Fall, with an overall attendance of 1,084 FASS students.





# BY THE NUMBERS

# 2022

## #5

**RANKED IN CANADA**

Times Higher Education Ranking (2023) by subject area, "arts and humanities" and "social sciences"

## #9

**RANKED IN CANADA**

QS World University Rankings by Subject (2022): Arts and Humanities

## 27

**DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS,  
AND PROGRAMS**

## 15

**RESEARCH CENTRES  
AND INSTITUTES**

## 188

**UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE  
PROGRAM OPTIONS**

**MORE THAN**

## 300

**CONTINUING RESEARCH  
AND TEACHING FACULTY**

29% of all CFL at SFU

## 10,300

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

34% of all undergraduates at SFU

**MORE THAN**

## 150

**PUBLIC EVENTS**

Not including colloquiums, research seminars, and student-only events

## 128

**CONTINUING STAFF**

20% of all SFU staff

## 800

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

18% of all grad students at SFU

## 2,079

**GRADUANDS**

## 2023/2024 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Hire 22 continuing faculty to decrease reliance on temporary instructors and reduce our faculty-student ratio for a better student experience
- Improve student support by implementing recommendations of the FASS Advising Review
- Embed EDI practices across the faculty and student life cycle, prioritizing SFU's commitment to hiring Indigenous and Black scholars in the annual faculty renewal plan
- Establish a FASS graduate student research conference and a FASS Indigenous Graduate Student Entrance Award
- Launch and promote the new Public Policy minor and the Japanese Studies certificate
- Continue curricular and pedagogical leadership by expanding blended and online learning opportunities as well as establishing FASS Forward—an experiential learning program of one credit courses now in its third year—as a permanent initiative
- Further develop student recruitment and retention strategies and initiatives, particularly for equity-deserving groups