2023 FASS FORUM

CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR

SFU FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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.

S. Laurel Weldon
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Distinguished SFU Professor, Political Science
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.
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 Vlasi (Political Science), Ilya Vinkovetsky (History) and more have lent their expertise on the subject in various media interviews and public panel events.
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.

“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

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

SFU Awards

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 - 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

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

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

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
- Jasmina Arifovic, Economics
- Edward Ingram, History
- Elinor W. Ames, Psychology
- Frank Cunningham, Urban Studies

RETIREFMENTS

- 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
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.

TRI-AGENCY CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS (CGS)

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

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

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.

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

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

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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 colloquia, 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

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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