



FACULTY OF ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

2025 FASS FORUM

CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR



DEAN'S MESSAGE



Understanding and overcoming challenging times: FASS at the forefront

The past year challenged the core values of our university, community, and country—the growing pressures on our healthcare system and housing infrastructure; the rise of anti-democratic forces and bigotry around the world; the prevalence of artificial intelligence; and the ongoing challenges of inequality and climate change and reconciliation. Budgetary challenges and other sources of instability made these threats all the more difficult to address. Taken together, these problems can feel overwhelming, but my work as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences gives me hope for the future, as every day I see the ways that our faculty, staff, and students are at the forefront of deepening our understanding of—and developing solutions for—these problems.

As SFU launches a new medical school, FASS has developed a minor in the Medical Humanities and Social Sciences, ensuring that those seeking to be medical professionals can be equipped with a solid understanding of the social determinants of health, medical ethics, aging, and other important aspects of healthcare. Colleagues in urban studies and public policy helped leaders on all levels grapple with issues such as housing affordability, striking port workers, the toxic drug crisis, and racism. Our social scientists studied political problems from energy policies to immigration and human trafficking.

While our social data analytics program equipped students with the skills to use computer programming and understand artificial intelligence, our humanists reminded us of what it means to be human. FASS professors work with partners at world-renowned institutions, from UCLA in the US to Oxford in the UK, to underscore the importance of human lives, stories, and cultures. Our faculty and students are connected to diasporic communities in the Lower Mainland, including the Scottish, Greek, and Persian communities, to deepen cross-cultural understanding, appreciate various languages and cultures, and expand our understanding of our origins. We work on international issues from diplomacy and demilitarization to development and defense. Finally, as part of our commitment to

truth and reconciliation, our faculty launched an in-community program to teach the *Xaad Kíl* language on Haida Gwaii. FASS faculty and students are making a difference for BC and the world.

At the same time, we have strengthened our core mission as a world-class research university. To advance academic excellence, we have developed new opportunities for advanced training in statistical methods and data analytics for social scientists at the graduate and undergraduate level. Our researchers have been recognized for their research and scholarly work, our faculty promoted to Distinguished SFU Professors, and we increased total research funding by 30%. As part of our program to strengthen the student experience, we created a student advisory board, started organizing the first student-run conference, and launched a fellowship program for our undergraduate student leaders. We also created FASS' first Strategic Research Plan and a completely new Strategic Academic Plan. We could not have done any of these things without the amazing staff who make FASS work and the students who are our *raison d'être*, and we are pleased to have developed new awards recognizing these contributions. These are but a few of our many successes worth celebrating. In this FASS Forum booklet, you will find many more.

As a faculty of humanities and social sciences professionals, we are experts in handling ambiguity and uncertainty. Through collegial collaboration, we use our combined skills and expertise to navigate challenges confronting the university, community, and globe; all the while deepening our scholarly understanding of the world we live in, writing new stories, learning new methods, and developing new concepts and theories. Thank you to our students, staff, faculty, and alumni for everything that you do every day. I look forward to seeing what we will accomplish next.

S. Laurel Weldon

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

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

UPHOLDING OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIGENIZING FASS CURRICULUM

FASS saw renewed and ongoing commitment to reconciliation in 2024 with 11 projects awarded FASS Reconciling Curriculum Grants. Projects include revising an English course to include content on the encounters between Indigenous peoples and Scottish explorers in BC; a lecture series on Indigenous water and land rights; and workshops on incorporating Indigenous worldviews and knowledges meaningfully into classrooms.

CULTIVATING FUTURE LEADERS AND CHANGEMAKERS

The first cohort of the FASS Dean's Undergraduate Fellowship program was announced last year, with 23 students from across the arts, humanities, and social sciences selected for their exceptional academic achievements, intellectual potential, and embodiment of core humanistic values such as compassion, creativity, and leadership. The fellowship grants students the valuable opportunity to connect with and learn from prominent civic, community, and university leaders.

NEW COLLABORATIVE URBAN WORLDS MAJOR LAUNCHED

A collaborative degree between the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Environment, the new Urban Worlds major addresses the growing need to tackle the world's urban issues and improve upon its possibilities. With an immersive, experiential, and interdisciplinary learning approach, students will learn how urban change influences social change and how to shape cities and urban life for the better.

STRENGTHENING LEARNING OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

As part of their INLG 355 coursework, students from the Indigenous Languages Program (INLP) took to the stage performing a play entirely in Hə́h̓qə́mih̓ə́m̓ (Halkomelem). The play, ʔə sci?eł ɕəwəθə (Princess Tsawassa: A Journey of Discovery), was adapted from a Tsawwassen origin story with the help of graduate students and professors from SFU and the University of Victoria. The play was performed at the Tsawwassen First Nation Longhouse where it was received positively by the community.

In cooperation with local communities and language authorities, INLP offers courses in close to 20 Indigenous languages. It further strengthened its partnership with Ʒaad Kíl Née (Haida Language Office) in Old Massett, Haida Gwaii, with the hiring of Jaskwaan Bedard as a continuing faculty member who will live and work in the community to build the Haida language program. Her hiring marks INLP's expanding mission to grow its teaching team and to have faculty situated on-site within Indigenous communities.



SFU Indigenous Languages Program (INLP) students from the Hə́h̓qə́mih̓ə́m̓ cohort at the Tsawwassen First Nation Longhouse.



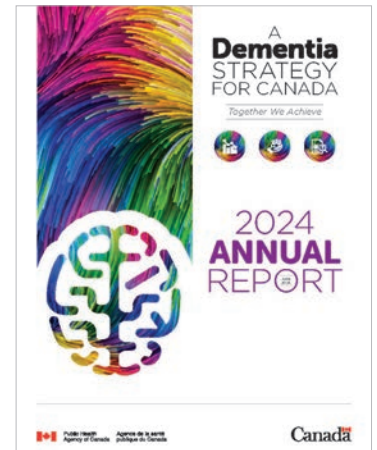
From left to right: Alfred Adams, Sherri Burton, Sharon Matthews, Jaskwaan Bedard, Marianne Ignace, FASS Dean Laurel Weldon, and Panayiotis Pappas. Credit: Nadja Smith-Hanson

RESEARCH

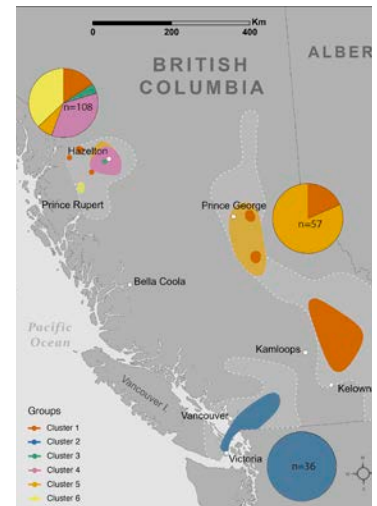
2024 RESEARCH SNAPSHOT

An overview of some of the many research accomplishments from FASS researchers this past year.

- **Megan MacKenzie** (International Studies) was named co-director of the Research Network on Women, Peace and Security (RN-WPS), which was granted \$750K by the Department of National Defence via the Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) program.
- **The DemSCAPE project**, led by **Habib Chaudhury** (Gerontology), was featured in the Public Health Agency of Canada's 2024 dementia strategy update.
- **Chelsey Geralda Armstrong** (Indigenous Studies) led a genetic study of native hazelnut plants, which showed that Indigenous peoples cultivated hazelnuts in BC, likely beginning more than 7,000 years ago. The study indicates that ancestral Indigenous peoples understood the importance of genetic diversity in promoting environmental sustainability.
- **FASS** together with the **Indigenous Languages Program** and our partner First Nations communities, organized a two-day Indigenous Language Revitalization Symposium, which provided a forum for knowledge exchange and discussion on intensive immersion programs and technology's role in language revitalization.
- **Mark Pickup** (PI) together with **Edana Beauvais** and **Laurel Weldon** (Political Science) received the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Fund to establish the Complex Social Problems Research Space on campus.
- Together with the John Howard Society of Victoria and BC Corrections, **Amanda Butler** (Criminology) is conducting research to evaluate the effectiveness of British Columbia's only prison-based therapeutic community in addressing substance use disorders among incarcerated individuals.
- As part of the Canadian Statistics Advisory Council, **Anke Kessler** (Economics) co-authored a report detailing recommendations to counter the rising trend of misinformation and disinformation around official statistics, ensuring that Statistics Canada keeps pace with technological change such as artificial intelligence.
- **Theresa Pauly** (Gerontology) was named one of the 47 researchers from across Canada to take part in the Science Meets Parliament Program, during which she met with parliamentarians and policymakers to discuss pressing issues in Canada.
- Inspired by the Nisga'a delegation who advocated for the repatriation of their memorial pole from the National Museum of Scotland, **Leith Davis** (English) furthered her commitment to decolonizing Scottish studies by bringing Scottish and Indigenous scholars together, along with community members, to the Unsettling Scottish Studies conference, which featured public performances and lectures.



The DemSCAPE project, Habib Chaudhury



Ancient hazelnut management and cultivation efforts among Ts'msyen, Nisga'a, Gitanyow, and Gitxsan people, Chelsey Geralda Armstrong



Canadian Statistics Advisory Council, Anke Kessler

2023 - 2024
Fiscal Year

\$14,527,280
TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
(OVERALL 65% SUCCESS RATE)

\$3,523,031
TOTAL TRI-AGENCY FUNDING

30% INCREASE
IN TOTAL RESEARCH FUNDING
COMPARED TO 2022-2023



John McDonald
Psychology

*Canada Research Chair in
Cognitive Neuroscience
(Renewal)*



Leith Davis
English

*Royal Society of
Canada Fellow*



Kora DeBeck
Public Policy

Dorothy Killam Fellow



Krishna Pendakur
Economics

Bank of Canada Fellow

7
TEAM
AWARDS

30
RESEARCHERS

14
COLLABORATIVE
FIELDS OF STUDY

BREAKING BARRIERS INTERDISCIPLINARY INCENTIVE GRANT

The 2024 Breaking Barriers competition sought interdisciplinary grant applications from teams led by FASS researchers. As prioritized in SFU's What's Next strategic plan, the research proposed by these teams aims to deepen our understanding of the world's most pressing issues, create solutions or otherwise address these problems. Seven diverse and well-deserving projects were financed with a total funding envelope of \$400,000.

Given the great success of last year's competition, FASS is launching a new competition in 2025. With the support of SFU Climate Innovation, at least one grant will be awarded to a project related to community-centred climate action and innovation research.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

As part of its commitment to advancing excellence in research, innovation, and academic scholarship, FASS established the Research Excellence Awards, which recognizes impactful scholarly contributions by faculty members. In the spirit of honouring the diverse scholarly area in FASS, two awards will be given each year to an early career and an established researcher in the social sciences and humanities respectively. The inaugural winners are:

- **Lara Campbell** (Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies) Research Excellence Award in Humanities
- **Arthur Robson** (Economics) Research Excellence Award in Social Sciences
- **Joanne Leow** (English) Early Career Research Excellence Award in Humanities
- **Yuthika Girme** (Psychology) Early Career Research Excellence Award in Social Sciences

NEW AND RENEWED ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS



Margaret Hall
Criminology

*Society of Notaries Public of
BC Endowed Professorship
in Applied Legal Studies
(Renewal)*



Adrian Ivakhiv
Global Humanities

*J.S. Woodsworth Chair
in the Humanities*



Sabrina Higgins
Global Humanities;
Archaeology

*Professorship in Aegean
and Mediterranean
Societies*



James Horncastle
Global Humanities

*Edward and Emily
McWhinney Professorship
in International Relations*

ADVANCEMENT

THE LEGACY OF AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PAID FORWARD

From a young age, Shan Shan Li's parents instilled in her a passion for education, philanthropy and the importance of giving back to one's community. Shan Shan herself received a bursary while she was in her second year of undergraduate study in the Department of Psychology. The award provided her with confidence and the financial support she needed to continue to study and pursue her career goals. In recognition of her family's legacy, her desire to create positive social change and to support future international students, Shan Shan has established the Li Family Undergraduate Student Award. One award, valued at a minimum of \$4,000 will be awarded annually to international undergraduate students, with a preference to those majoring or minoring in Psychology.

FROM MENTOR TO BENEFACTOR: EMPOWERING FUTURE SCHOLARS IN ENGLISH STUDIES

An ardent supporter and a graduate himself of the English Honours Program at SFU, Tom Grieve established a student award endowment supporting outstanding English honours students when he retired from SFU in 2015. Ten years later (2025) he offered additional funding to top up his endowment and amplify student support. Grieve has supervised some forty honours graduates (one of whom was one of SFU's four Rhodes Scholars) during his 25 years tenure in the Department of English. Many of these graduates have gone on to do graduate work in English and a number of these now have successful academic careers.

PHILANTHROPY FOR EQUITABLE SOCIETIES

Samit Sharma and his family understand firsthand how life-changing financial assistance can be to young ambitious students. Sharma moved from India to Canada at age 23 to pursue his graduate degree, which would eventually lead to an exciting and successful career in engineering. This experience was possible thanks in part to a scholarship he received to attend university as a graduate student. Since then, Sharma and his family have made extraordinary contributions across Canada to educational institutions to give others the same opportunity. The Samit & Reshma Sharma Foundation recently established a new endowment to support the Samit & Reshma Sharma Graduate Scholarship in Criminology to celebrate SFU Criminology, which is recognized as one of the most active and productive criminology departments in Canada.

A GIFT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

How can someone celebrate their own life and legacy while simultaneously making a positive impact on the future? For SFU alumnus Dana Spielmann, this meant establishing a bequest to the Graduate Liberal Studies (GLS) Program through the Graduate Liberal Studies Endowment. This generous gift will bolster the GLS program, ensuring it remains a hub where diverse voices, stories, and ideas converge and thrive. It will enhance program development for GLS students, continue to enrich the local arts, foster understanding, and strengthen global scholarly and literary communities. Spielmann's commitment will leave a lasting impact, nurturing future generations of creative and critical thinkers.

Feb 2024—Feb 2025

\$2.4M RAISED

1,702 GIFTS

270 DONORS

AWARDS

EXTERNAL AWARDS

King Charles III Coronation Medal

Andrew Heard
Political Science

Andy Yan
Urban Studies

Gloria Gutman
Gerontology

Maureen Maloney
Public Policy



Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology

Elizabeth Cooper
International Studies

BC Reconciliation Award

Eldon Yellowhorn
Indigenous Studies

MLA Prize for Studies in Native American Literatures, Cultures, and Languages

Deanna Reder
Indigenous Studies

Michael Smith Health Research BC's Convening and Collaborating (C2)

Mei Fang
Gerontology; Urban Studies

Michael Smith Health Research BC's Scholar Award

Molly Cairncross
Psychology

Gordon R. Willey Prize

Chelsea Geralda Armstrong
Indigenous Studies

The Academy of Experimental Criminology's Outstanding Early Career Experimental Criminologist Award

Ryan Simpson
Criminology

Canadian Institute of Planners' College of Fellows

Andy Yan
Urban Studies

CIHR Applied Public Health Chair

Kora DeBeck
Public Policy

Hellenic Canadian Congress of BC Chair in Hellenic Studies

Evan Freeman
Global Humanities

SFU AWARDS

Distinguished SFU Professors

Andrew Wister
Gerontology

Genevieve LeBaron
Public Policy

Excellence in Teaching Award

Marianne Ignace
Linguistics; Indigenous Studies



Staff Achievement Award: Workplace Excellence

Azam Bhatti
Economics

Community Engagement Initiative Grant

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Indigenous Studies

Evelyn Encalada Grez
Sociology and Anthropology;
Labour Studies

Hali Kil
Psychology

Leith Davis
English

Lucy Bell
(Sdaahl K'awaas)
Indigenous Languages

Mei Fang
Gerontology

Media Newsmaker Award

James Horncastle
Global Humanities

Dean of Graduate Studies Award for Excellence Graduate Supervision

Travers
Sociology and Anthropology;
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies



FASS AWARDS

Cormack Teaching Award

Janice Matsumura

History

Kathleen Millar

Sociology and Anthropology

Margaret Grant

Linguistics

Sabrina Higgins

Global Humanities

Sanjay Jeram

Political Science

Simon Woodcock

Economics

Dean's Medal Award: Lifetime Achievement

Gerardo Otero

International Studies

Dean's Medal Award: Academic Excellence

Lara Aknin

Psychology

Tamir Moustafa

International Studies

Employee Achievement Award: Sessional Instructor

Valérie Vézina

French Cohort Program;

Political Science

Employee Achievement Award: Sessional Instructor

Richard Rigby

Psychology

Employee Achievement Award: Individual Work Performance

Ellen Siew Meng Yap

International Studies

Employee Achievement Award: Lifetime Contribution

Judi Fraser

History

Employee Achievement Award: Term Teaching

Evan Caldbick

Psychology

Michelle "Elle" Walks

Sociology and Anthropology;

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Employee Achievement Award: Team Work Performance

FASS Administration Team

Office of the Dean

Research Excellence Award: Humanities

Joanne Leow

English

Lara Campbell

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Research Excellence Award: Social Sciences

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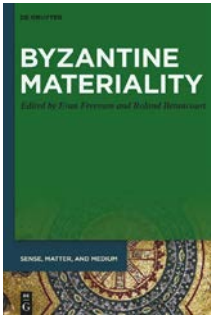
Sociology and Anthropology;

Labour Studies

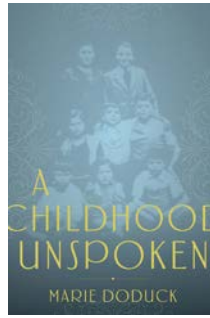


In addition to receiving the FASS Employee Achievement—Changemaker Award, **Tess Williams** (Office of the Dean) was recognized by the SFU EDI Community of Practice for her outstanding contributions towards promoting equity and inclusivity across the University and the province, and for her incredible commitment to advancing trans rights for everybody in BC. As a rep on the APSA board, she advocated for SFU to provide gender-affirming care for all faculty and staff.

PUBLICATIONS



Byzantine Materiality
**Evan Freeman,
 Roland Betancourt**



A Childhood Unspoken
**Marie Doduck,
 Lauren Faulkner
 Rossi**



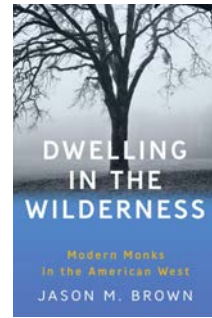
Collective Empowerment in Latin America: Indigenous Peasant Movements and Political Transformation
Gerardo Otero and Efe Can Gürcan



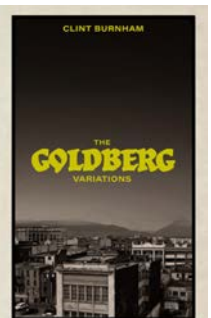
Counter-Cartographies: Reading Singapore Otherwise
Joanne Leow



Disability Politics and Theory
A.J. Withers



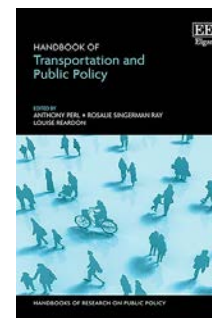
Dwelling in the Wilderness: Modern Monks in the American West
Jason Brown



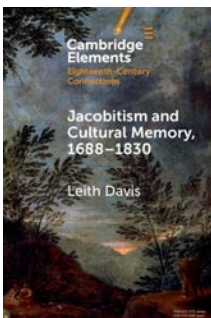
The Goldberg Variations
Clint Burnham



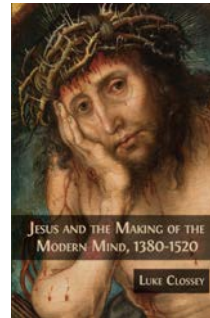
Governing the Displaced: Race and Ambivalence in Global Capitalism
Ali Bhagat



Handbook of Transportation and Public Policy
Anthony Perl



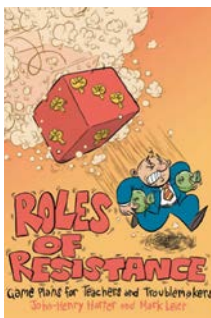
Jacobitism and Cultural Memory, 1688-1830
Leith Davis



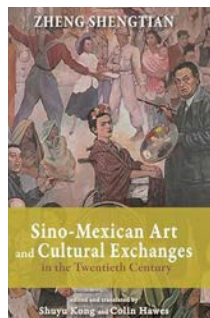
Jesus and the Making of the Modern Mind, 1380-1520
Luke Clossey



The Middle
Stephen Collis



Roles of Resistance: Game Plans for Teachers and Troublemakers
**John-Henry Harter,
 Mark Leier**



Sino-Mexican Art and Cultural Exchanges in the Twentieth Century
**Colin Hawes,
 Shuyu Kong**



Turkish Politics and 'The People': Mass Mobilisation and Populism
Spyros A. Sofos

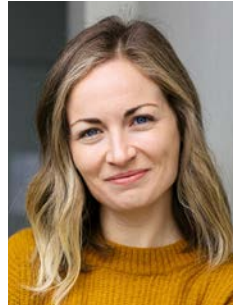
FACULTY + STAFF

NEW CONTINUING FACULTY

We thank all the Search Chairs, Search Committee Members, and the Faculty Affairs team for facilitating the hiring of our new faculty members.



Adrian Ivakhiv
Global Humanities



Amanda D. Watson
Sociology and
Anthropology



Amy Conroy
Criminology



Amy Krauss
Gender, Sexuality,
and Women's Studies



Anas Atakora
French



Andrea Krüsi
Criminology



Anushay Malik
International Studies



Chenyu (Sev) Hou
Economics



Janice Jeong
History



Jaskwaan Bedard
Linguistics; Indigenous
Languages Program



Jeanne Essame
History



Jozina Vander Klok
Linguistics



Kevin Laughren
Economics



**Maral Aguilera-
Moradipour**
World Languages and
Literatures, Global Asia



Margaret Hall
Criminology



Marie Ouellet
Criminology



Peter Leavitt
Psychology



Qiu Lin
Philosophy



Zara Anwarzai
Philosophy

ARTS CENTRAL LEADERSHIP

After eight years of leading Arts Central and overseeing the strategic planning for student recruitment, retention, and academic success, **Bettina Cenerelli** said goodbye to Simon Fraser University for a position as President and CEO of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation.

Stepping in as FASS' Senior Director, Strategic Academic Planning and Student Affairs is **Christina Rajmaira**, who brings 15 years of leadership experience in higher education in a wide range of roles including Assistant Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Life at Marymount University and Assistant Dean/Executive Director at the University of California, Berkeley.



Christina Rajmaira

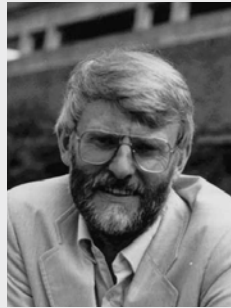


Bettina Cenerelli



Arts Central Team

IN MEMORIAM



Alan Rudrum
English



Christopher Webster
Psychology



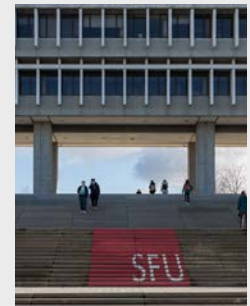
Hal Weinberg
Psychology



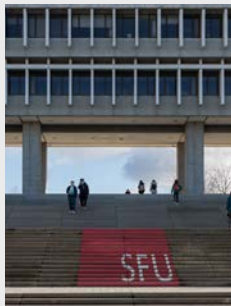
J. Rhys Kesselman
Public Policy



Kenneth Strand
Economics



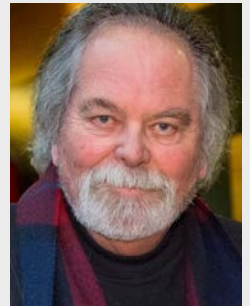
Laurence Kitching
Global Humanities



Margret Berger
Interdisciplinary
Studies (German)



**Marguerite
Fauqueno**
French



Robert M. Gordon
Criminology



Roy Miki
English



Stephen Black
English



Stephen Easton
Economics

NEW CONTINUING STAFF



Anna Zofka
Economics



Amy Wiebe Lau
History



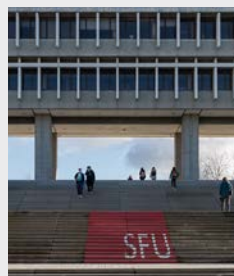
Emilia Aguilar
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Jane Pan
Political Science



Maryam Pourghasemian
Indigenous Languages Program



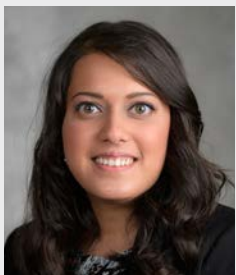
Meghan Haley
Criminology



Ning (Ophelia) Fu
Office of the Dean



Rita Li
Criminology



Sana Sohel
Office of the Dean



Zlatan Ramusovic
Office of the Dean



Judi Fraser
History

RETIRED FACULTY



Andrew Heard
Political Science



Bob Ley
Psychology



Curt Griffiths
Criminology



Laurent Dobuzinskis
Political Science



Martin Hahn
Philosophy



Mary Ann Gillies
English



Nancy Olewiler
Public Policy



Paul Crowe
Global Humanities



Willeen G. Keough
History

RETIRED STAFF

STUDENTS + ALUMNI



Dean's Graduate Convocation Medal

Marieh Azizirad
Economics



Dean's Graduate Convocation Medal

Ronaldo L. C. Au-Yeung
Political Science



Dean's Undergraduate Convocation Medal

Isabella (Belle) Eist
English



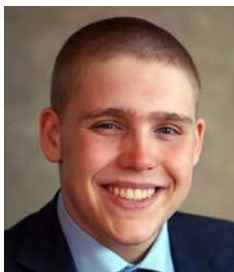
Dean's Undergraduate Convocation Medal

Jerry Eiswerth
Economics



Governor General's Silver Medal

Kalum Kumar
Psychology



Robert C. Brown Award

Isaac Thomas Schoeber
History



Robert C. Brown Award

Kohl Angela Peters
Criminology



Terry Fox Gold Medal

Allie Dufour
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

TRI-AGENCY AWARDS TO FASS GRADUATE STUDENTS

Fall 2023-2024
competition year

- 4 from CIHR
- 2 from NSERC
- 43 from SSHRC

6

SSHRC DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

11

CGS-DOCTORAL RECIPIENTS

31

CGS-MASTER'S RECIPIENTS

1

VANIER CGS RECIPIENT

STUDENTS + ALUMNI

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Six FASS students and alumni were nominated for the YWCA Women of Distinction Awards, which honours extraordinary women leaders and businesses.



A recipient of the SFU Office of Francophone and Francophile Affairs' Community Leadership Award, **Sayyidah Jaffer** (French and Political Science) beat out more than 700 Canadians to become one of 91 McCall MacBain Scholarship finalists from around the world.



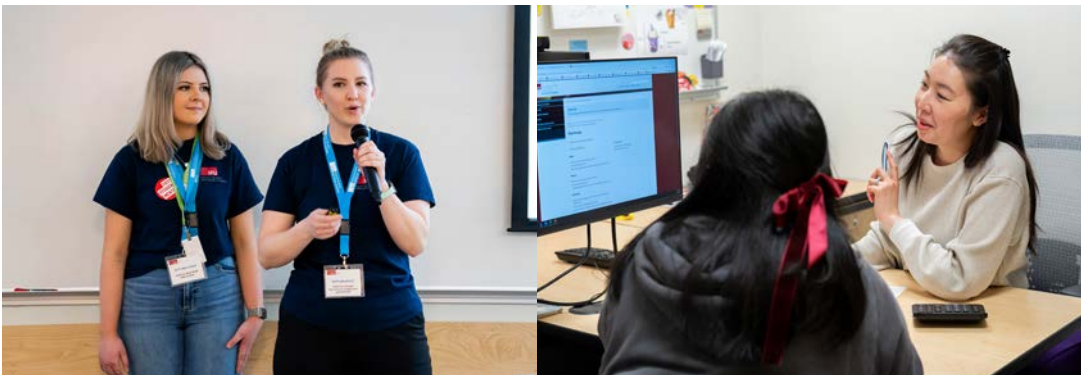
PhD English alumnus **Jordan Abel** won the Governor General's Literary Awards for fiction for his novel *Empty Spaces*, a reimagining of James Fenimore Cooper's 19th-century text *The Last of the Mohicans* from a modern urban perspective.



With her poem 吃苦 (Eat the Bitterness), English honours student **Emily Yiling Ma** was one of the five Canadian writers who made the 2024 CBC Poetry Prize shortlist.



Eva Ribbers (Psychology) was the first-place winner and the people's choice award winner at the FASS Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. Tied for second place were **Nathan Collins** (Global Humanities) and **Vanja Vekić Chen** (Linguistics).



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH

Through a variety of SFU-led and FASS-specific events and initiatives for high school students and incoming students, FASS recruitment and outreach efforts engaged with:

5,000+

FUTURE STUDENTS

3,500+

NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS



SUPPORTING STUDENTS' JOURNEYS

Among its many services, Arts Central runs the FASS Mentorship program for students to make friends, expand their networks, and blossom in their academic careers.

45

MENTORS

180

MENTEES

26%

↑ IN MENTEES FROM 2024

ENGAGING WITH HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS

FASS in the Class

Program to request a FASS graduate student to visit a high school class as a guest speaker.

126

OFF-CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

114%

INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR

3,400

STUDENTS ENGAGED

Discover FASS

Teachers bring their class to SFU for a field trip where they sit in on a live lecture and tour the campus.

10

ON-CAMPUS VISITS

339

STUDENTS ENGAGED

Virtual presentations to high school classes

A virtual option for high school classes to listen to a FASS or program-specific presentation about program options and career opportunities.

13

VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

350

STUDENTS ENGAGED

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Jack and Nancy Farley
Distinguished Visiting
Scholar in History**



Cheryl Narumi Naruse
Global Asia; English

Jack and Doris Shadbolt Fellowship in the Humanities



Fiana Kawane
Gender, Sexuality,
and Women's
Studies; Global Asia



Justin Neal
Indigenous Studies



**Nadine
(King) Chambers**
History



Tania Willard
Indigenous Languages



For the first time, FASS together with the Department of World Languages and Literatures, led Multilingual Week, a vibrant weeklong festival that celebrates the myriad of languages spoken on campus and in our surrounding community. The festival featured a keynote lecture by Stsméłqen, Ronald E. Ignace, the first Commissioner of Indigenous Languages.



Martin Santamaria, with funding from the FASS Reconciliation Working Group and the David and Cecilia Ting Endowment for Education and Public Responsibility, organized a series of lectures focused on the impact of infrastructure projects on Indigenous communities. Speakers included a hereditary matriarch from the Secwépemc Nation, leader of the Wixarika from San Miguel Huaixtita in Mexico, and Marakame Don Chabelo from a Wixarika community in the state of Jalisco, Mexico.



The School for International Studies—with SFU's Vice-President, External Relations office—hosted the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Right Honourable Beverly McLachlin, in a dialogue event with SFU Scholar-in-Residence Aryn Sajoo, as they discussed the scope of equality in Canadian law.

BY THE NUMBERS

2024

CANADIAN RANKINGS
Times Higher Education 2024

#5

SOCIAL SCIENCES

#7

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

28

**DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS,
AND PROGRAMS**

15

RESEARCH CENTRES

13

RESEARCH INSTITUTES

MORE THAN

300

**CONTINUING RESEARCH
AND TEACHING FACULTY**

29% of all CFL at SFU *

9,654

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

33% of all undergraduates at SFU *

MORE THAN

200

PUBLIC EVENTS

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

133

CONTINUING STAFF

742

GRADUATE STUDENTS

14% of all grad students at SFU *

2,031

GRADUANDS



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FASS strategic academic and research plans

