

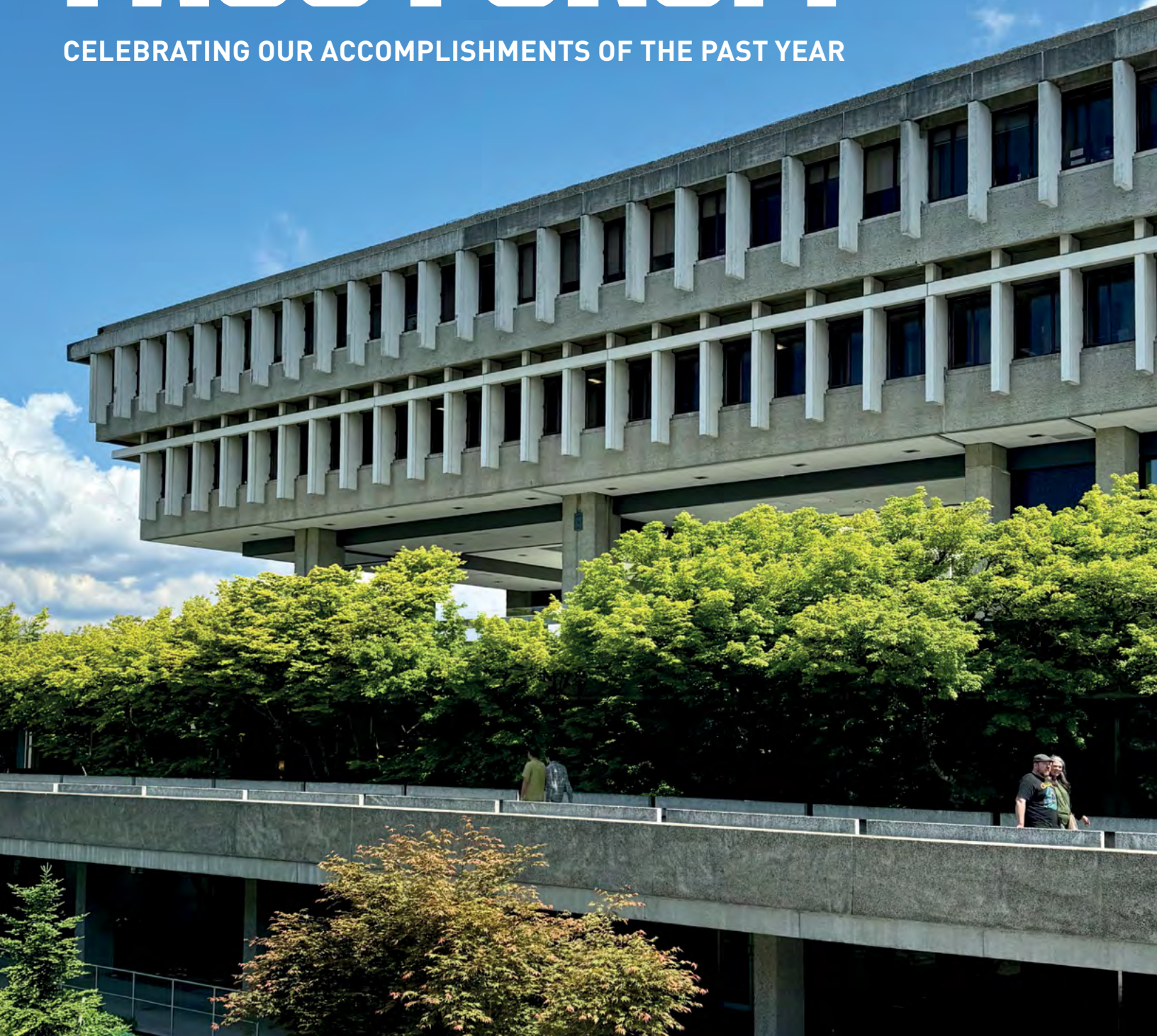


SFU

FACULTY OF ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

2026 FASS FORUM

CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR



DEAN'S MESSAGE



The FASS community has remained committed to our values through the ups and downs of 2025. I am proud of the work we have done— together and separately—this past year. We have overcome the challenges of precarious enrolment, budgetary constraints, political change and international forces to exceed the expectations of the public, the university administration, our students and our colleagues. While acknowledging that this past year has been exceptionally difficult at times, and that many of our advances have come at a cost, I am confident that we can chart a rewarding, sustainable path going forward.

FASS Forum presents an opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished over the prior year. It can be too easy, with how busy we all are, to forge ahead and forgo such reflection. But reflection is important for learning and adjusting, for appreciating hard work, resolving to put more effort into places where it is needed; for celebrating wins and grieving losses.

As I cast my mind back over the turbulence and joy of the past year, I am filled with gratitude for all of your patience and forbearance and humbled by your commitment to your work. Our research and teaching missions depend on our collective efforts. Solidarity in this incredibly large and diverse Faculty is the key to our persistence in the face of adversity, our resilience and our continued success.

At FASS Forum, we take a pause to come together, to reflect, to celebrate our accomplishments, to appreciate momentous changes to our community, and to set our sights on the future. This booklet offers a guide to some of those events and accomplishments.

Additionally, I want to direct your attention to two specific documents produced last year. Extensive conversations and consultations across the Faculty and University that began in 2023 and proceeded through to the early days of 2025 in the completion and launch of the FASS Strategic Research Plan and FASS Strategic Academic Plan. I want to thank everyone involved in producing these plans, which took tremendous effort. I encourage you to refer to these documents when you have a moment to reflect upon how your work intersects with the broader direction of FASS and I invite you to bring your suggestions or expressions of interest to me for how we can drive these initiatives and priorities forward.

I also want to mark an important milestone for FASS. As a founding Faculty; 2025, which was SFU's 60th anniversary, was FASS' 60th as well. We also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs, and the 20th anniversary of the Writer-in-Residence program.

Thank you for all that you do. I hope you enjoy seeing yourself and your colleagues celebrated in the following pages.

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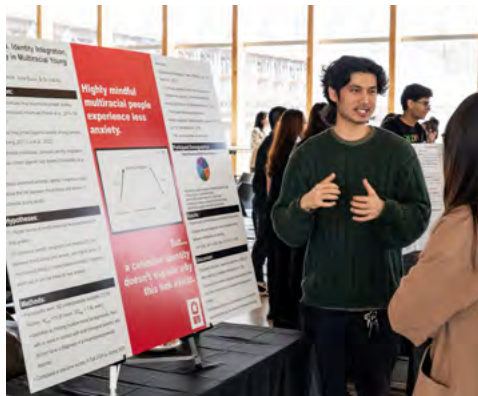
S. Laurel Weldon

Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

FASS HOSTS ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL'S FIRST PROGRAM IN VANCOUVER

Recognised for its quality throughout the international academic social science community for over 50 years, the **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis** program was, in collaboration with FASS, offered for the first time in Vancouver. The program offered five courses taught by researchers from FASS and other top global institutions. The Essex@SFU program culminated in a keynote presentation by Harvard University professor Kosuke Imai.



INAUGURAL FASS UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

Created for students by students, the first **FASS Undergraduate Research Symposium** featured honours presentations and research posters from 30 students across multiple disciplines. From conspiracy theory's relationship with anti-immigration discourse to queer erotic humour to cyber deception, the symposium highlighted the diversity of research FASS undergraduate students are pursuing in the course of their academic journeys. The afternoon of presentations concluded with the Terry Fox Lecture on Hope by Michael Yellow Bird from the University of Manitoba.

NEW FIELD SCHOOLS LAUNCHED

Led by Tanya MacGillivray, who has conducted research on Tanna Island, Vanuatu since 2012, the **Field School in Developmental Psychology** allowed students to learn how to conduct research through a community-engaged, multi-method, and globally responsible lens. Students worked to develop and implement their research project focused on understanding how children learn from others and engage with nature.

Indigenous Studies also offered its first experiential field school course which took place in northwestern BC within Luutkudziwus (Gitxsan) Territories. Led by Chelsey Geralda Armstrong and designed in partnership with the community, the **Luutkudziwus Historical Ecology Field School** provided students hands-on experience in historical-ecological methods, including archaeology, ethnobotany, and Indigenous scientific pedagogies of place.



Tanya MacGillivray has conducted research on Tanna Island in Vanuatu for years as part of her Culture and Development Lab.



Wilp Luutkudziwus member Ira Good was a key member in supporting the Indigenous Studies field school course at Madii Lii Culture Camp.



At the launch of the Accelerated Law Program with representatives from the University of Exeter. Left to right: SFU AVPA Peter Hall, Joasia Luzak (Exeter), Associate Dean Dai Heide, Li Li (Exeter), and Dean Laurel Weldon.

NEW INNOVATIVE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS LAUNCHED

The **SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program** was launched in partnership with the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom. The program gives students the opportunity to graduate in only six years with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from SFU and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Exeter, qualifying them to pursue legal careers in Canada and the UK.

The **Medical Humanities and Social Sciences minor** offers an interdisciplinary focus on cultural and social aspects of human health and well-being. The minor prepares students planning on applying to medical school or pursuing careers in health-related fields.



El Chenier (History) presents their Reconciling Curriculum grant-funded project at the FASS showcase

RECONCILING CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

Recipients of the FASS Reconciling Curriculum Grant program presented their initiatives to Indigenize FASS curricula and assist in strengthening partnerships with Indigenous knowledge holders in the community. Part of FASS' ongoing commitment to reconciliation, the program supports faculty members and academic units to take "constructive action on addressing the ongoing legacies of colonialism and the work of reconciliation" in their teaching.

Seven projects were showcased at the event, including a course on economic development and Indigenous rights, cultural programming for the Bill Reid Gallery, a teaching module for first-year public policy graduate students, support for a new course on reading 18th-century British literature from an Indigenous perspective, and many more.



2025 YEAR OF ANNIVERSARIES

Since its establishment in 1965 as one of SFU's founding pillars, FASS has stood at the heart of the university's intellectual life—deeply rooted in tradition, yet forward-looking in its mission to prepare students for a rapidly changing world. 2025 was a year of many anniversaries, marking the robust growth and academic excellence of our programs.

- **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)**
60th anniversary
- **School of Criminology**
50th anniversary
- **Ellen and Warren Tallman Writer-in-Residence Program**
20th anniversary
- **French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs**
20th anniversary



◀ Criminology's founding director, Ezzat Fattah, speaking at the School's anniversary celebration.

RESEARCH

NEW SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

Jack and Nancy Farley Distinguished Visiting Scholar

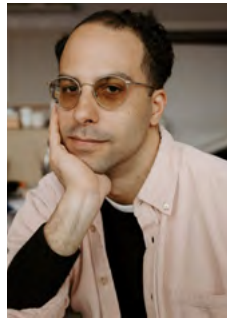


Greg Robinson
History

Jack and Doris Shadbolt Fellows in the Humanities



Cease Wyss
Indigenous Studies



Darby M. Bradford
English



Krystle Dos Santos
English



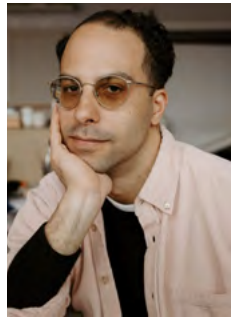
Yiting Pan
History

Ruth Wynn Woodward Junior Chair



Milka Njoroge
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Ellen and Warren Tallman Writer-in-Residence



Darby M. Bradford
English

NEW RESEARCH CENTRES

Centre for Research in Indigenous Literatures, Oratures, and Media
Led by Deanna Reder (English; Indigenous Studies)

Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World
Led by Gaëlle Planchenault (French)

TRI-AGENCY GRANT RECIPIENTS

SSHRC INSIGHT GRANT

Hali Kil
Psychology

L. Maaïke Helmus
Criminology

Mark Pickup
Political Science

Michael Gilraine
Economics

Michelle Levy
English

Minjie Deng
Economics

Pierre Mouganie
Economics

Rylan Simpson
Criminology

Serena Canaan
Economics

SSHRC INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Helene Love
Criminology

Henny Yeung
Linguistics

Lara Aknin
Psychology

Michael Gilraine
Economics

Richard Frank
Criminology

Chenyu (Sev) Hou
Economics

William Scott
Public Policy

SSHRC CONNECTION GRANT

Zoe Todd
Indigenous Studies

CIHR PROJECT GRANT

Kora DeBeck
Public Policy

Molly Cairncross
Psychology

2025 RESEARCH SNAPSHOT

Some of the many research accomplishments from FASS researchers this past year.



The St. Mary's Indian Residential school grounds located in Mission, BC, which is slated for demolition in March 2027 (Sara Aristizabel, SFU)



The Green Care Farm project at The Village Langley (SFU News)

As part of a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant, **Wenona Hall** (Indigenous Studies), **Natahnee Winder** (Indigenous Studies; Public Policy), and Maddie Knickerbocker (KPU), together with 15 of their undergraduate students, began recording parts of the St. Mary's Indian Residential School, which is slated for demolition. This research project is in partnership with the Sto:lo Nation and will culminate in curricula to be available to both post-secondary and high school students.

Supported in part by funding from the Government of Canada's New Frontiers in Research Fund, Gerontology researcher **Habib Chaudhury** and Sharon Kaasalainen (McMaster) are laying the groundwork for an innovative long-term care model to enhance the quality of life for people living with dementia. The model, known as Green Care Farm, combines nature-based therapy with village-setting care.

- Rare artifacts, thought to date from medieval to Roman times, were found in a Chilliwack thrift shop and made their way to SFU. **Sabrina Higgins** (Global Humanities) was the first SFU expert to examine them due to her specialty in Rome and late antique archaeology.
- When the conflict in the Congo broke out, **Jason Stearns** (International Studies), who has been working on the region for over two decades, provided analysis and commentary to a variety of international media outlets, in addition to briefing US, Congolese, and European officials.
- **Nicholas Reo** (Indigenous Studies) received SFU's largest ever CFI John R. Evans Leadership Fund award. His research program explores how reclaiming space in coastal Indigenous contexts contributes to collective continuance in four distinct regions: Eastern Great Lakes; Hawai'i; Aotearoa; and Nuchatlaht.
- For her research on fostering constructive and civil dialogue through computational linguistics and public discourse analysis, **Maite Taboada** (Linguistics) was named a finalist in the Insight category of the SSHRC Impact Award.
- **Nicole Jackson** (International Studies) represented Canada as the Canadian MINDS (Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security) Fellow at the NATO Defense College in Rome. She was also appointed to the Swedish Agency for Peace, Security and Development as a member of its 2025–2029 International Research Working Group on NATO.

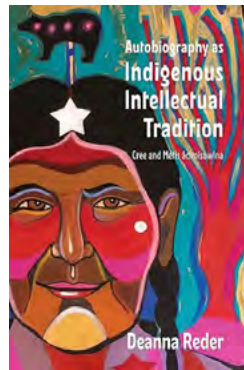


Sabrina Higgins (right) and SFU Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology director Barbara Hilden (left) examine the rare artifacts that were donated to SFU for study. (Sam Smith, SFU News)



Jason Stearns interviewed by Bloomberg News to provide commentary on the conflict in the Congo.

- **Megan Mackenzie** (International Studies) was selected as a 2025/2026 research fellow with the Women and Public Policy program at Harvard Kennedy School.
- **Deanna Reder** (English and Indigenous Studies) worked with PhD candidate Mackenzie Ground to produce an audiobook version of her award-winning publication, *Autobiography as Indigenous Intellectual Tradition*, which incorporates the Cree language throughout the book.
- Public Policy researchers **Ali Bhagat** and **Genevieve LeBaron** together with Kam Phung (Business) and Marc Calabretta published their report investigating forced labour and exploitation amongst BC migrant farm workers.
- **Rylan Simpson** (Criminology) was awarded the Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice Research Grant for a three-year collaborative study with a municipal police agency in Southern California to explore the effects of Live 911 technology.



PhD candidate Mackenzie Ground offered her voice to produce an audiobook version of Deanna Reder's award-winning book.



Report by Ali Bhagat, Genevieve LeBaron, Kam Phung, and Marc Calabretta.

SFU CLIMATE INNOVATION SEED FUNDING

Eleven projects, four of which are within FASS, were selected to receive SFU's first-ever round of dedicated seed funding for advancing community-centred climate research and innovation.

Bringing Distant Horizons Closer: Weaving Together Relational Knowledge Systems to Co-Produce Resilient Climate Futures

Michael Hathaway (Anthropology), Dara Kelly (Business), Manuhua Barcham (Interactive Arts and Technology)

Evidence-Based Application of AI to Advance Climate Action

William Scott (Public Policy), Stephanie Dick (Communication), Fred Popowich (Computing Science), Deborah Harford (Wosk Centre for Dialogue)

Promoting Heat Resilience among Older Adults through Group-Based Arts

Theresa Pauly (Gerontology), Atiya Mahmood (Gerontology), Nancy Olewiler (Public Policy), Jessica Pilarczyk (Environmental Science)

Weaving Relational Knowledge Systems to Co-Produce Resilient Climate Futures

Regina Baeza Martinez (Sociology), Dara Kelly (Business), Michael Hathaway (Anthropology), Manuhua Barcham (Interactive Arts and Technology)

FASS BREAKING BARRIERS INTER-DISCIPLINARY INCENTIVE GRANT

Established by FASS, the Breaking Barriers program funds interdisciplinary team research projects led by FASS researchers. The research proposed by these teams aims to deepen our understanding of the world's most pressing issues or aim to create solutions or otherwise address these problems.

Haida Games at the intersection of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, Haida Art, Mathematical Probability and Cultural Revitalization

Marianne Ignace (Linguistics; Indigenous Studies), Jaskwaan A. Bedard (Indigenous Languages Program; Linguistics), Veselin Jungić (Mathematic), Richard Lockhard (Statistics and Actuarial Sciences)

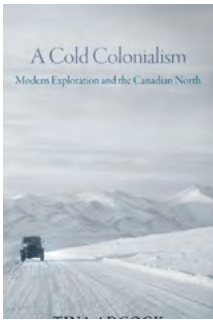
Multimodal Methods: Innovative Approaches to Research Creation on Global Health Inequities

Coleman Nye (Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies), Vaibhav Saria (Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies), Travis Salway (Health Sciences). Kate Hennessy (Interactive Arts and Technology), Sherine Hamdy (Anthropology, University of California, Irvine)

Promoting Heat Resilience among Older Adults through Group-Based Arts

* Received matched funding from the SFU Climate Innovation Seed Fund
Theresa Pauly (Gerontology), Atiya Mahmood (Gerontology), Nancy Olewiler (Public Policy), Jessica Pilarczyk (Environmental Science), Julia Henderson (Medicine, UBC)

PUBLICATIONS



A Cold Colonialism: Modern Exploration and the Canadian North

Tina Adcock



Criminal Law in Canada: Cases, Questions, and the Code

David MacAlister and Simon Verdun-Jones



En chair et en ville

En Chair et en Ville
Anas Atakora



Future Works

Jeff Derksen



Knock Down House

Stephen Collis



The Mind's Machine: Foundations of Brain and Behaviour

Neil V. Watson and S. Marc Breedlove



The New Lives of Images: Digital Ecologies and Anthropocene Imaginaries in More-Than-Human-Worlds

Adrian J. Ivakhiv



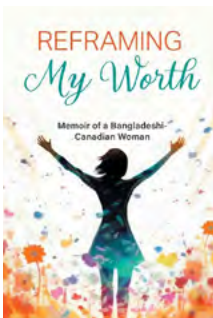
Ours to Tell: Reclaiming Indigenous Stories

Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger



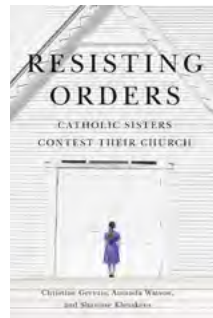
"Québec was Born in My Country!" A Diary of Encounters Between Indigenous and Québécois Peoples

Translation by Sarah Henzi



Reframing My Worth: Memoir of a Bangladeshi-Canadian Woman

Habiba Zaman



Resisting Orders: Catholic Sisters Contest Their Church

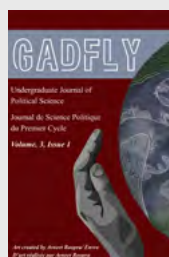
Amanda Watson



The Terrorism News Beat: Professionalism, Profit, and the Press

Aaron Hoffman

STUDENT JOURNALS



Gadfly Vol. 3 No. 1
Undergraduate Journal of Political Science



The Lyre Magazine Vol. 16
World Languages and Literatures



POLIS Vol. 1
Undergraduate Journal of Society and Culture



SFUψUJP Vol. 10
Undergraduate Journal of Psychology

ADVANCEMENT

JAN — DEC 2025

\$4.87M

RAISED

1,831

GIFTS

326

DONORS

CONTINUING HER SUPPORT OF LITERARY STUDENTS

Professor emerita **Betty Schellenberg** (English) has spent her career championing the study of literature. A respected scholar of eighteenth-century writing and women's literary history, she is deeply committed to expanding how we read, teach, and value literary voices. Her support of the **Aphra Behn Graduate Scholarship in English** reflects her long-standing dedication to students and to the future of literary study.

FOSTERING CREATIVE INQUIRY AND THE NARRATIVE ARTS

The **Yosef Wosk Founding Endowment of the Graduate Liberal Studies Centre for Narrative Arts** was created in 2025 through the support of Yosef Wosk. A recipient of an honorary doctorate from SFU, Wosk created the endowment to support the growth of the narrative arts, and to encourage collaboration between Graduate Liberal Studies and the Oxford Centre for Life-Writing. The fund supports initiatives such as guest lectures, visiting scholars, seminars, and field schools that foster scholarly exchange and creative inquiry.

SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR MATURE STUDENTS

Gordon Mowat and **Kenna MacKenzie** are SFU alumni whose generosity reflects a belief in the transformative power of education. Through their creation of new undergraduate and graduate endowments in Sociology and Anthropology, they are recognizing the rich perspectives brought by students whose academic journeys do not follow traditional paths. Their philanthropy honours resilience and lived experience, while ensuring that students from diverse backgrounds are supported as they pursue their education.

ADVANCING 2SLGBTQ+ ISSUES

The **Judge Gary Cohen and Bruce Fraser Endowment for the Advancement of 2SLGBTQ+ Issues** was established through the generosity of Judge Gary Cohen, a proud SFU Criminology alumnus. Guided by his commitment to justice, the award supports graduate research that advances understanding of 2SLGBTQ+ experiences across disciplines. Together with Fraser, they are helping to foster a more equitable and inclusive academic community.



Pamela Yoon (centre) with the past winners of her student award, Julia Rapaport (left) and Audrey Radstake (right).

OPENING DOORS FOR FUTURE LEADERS IN ECONOMICS

For the past ten years, **Pamela Yoon**, an Economics alumnus and 30-year veteran of the investment industry, has welcomed undergraduate economics students to her downtown RBC offices for an annual visit. Nearly 300 students have benefited from this inside look at careers in finance. She also established the Pamela Yoon Award in Economics to support high-achieving economics students intending to pursue a career in finance.

REMEMBERING GLENN BERG

Economics alumnus **Glenn Berg** was a long-time supporter of undergraduate students. He was a familiar face at Economics alumni events and often volunteered his expertise. He established the Glenn Berg Enterprising Achiever Award in 2014 to support undergraduate economics students who achieve academic excellence while also succeeding in non-academic pursuits such as owning a business or participating in extracurricular activities. Unfortunately, he passed away in December 2025, and his enthusiasm and generous support for students will be dearly missed.

AWARDS

EXTERNAL AWARDS

**Business in Vancouver's
500 Most Influential
Business Leaders in BC**

Andy Yan
Urban Studies

Nancy Olewiler
Public Policy

**Canadian Economics
Association Vanderkamp Prize**

Jane Friesen, Brian Krauth,
and Brett Wilmer
Economics

**Robbins-Ollivier Award for
Excellence in Equity Award**

Tess Williams, Travers,
TJ (Travis) Salway
—Trans Equity Data Initiative
Office of the Dean; Sociology and
Anthropology; Health Sciences

**Eighteenth-Century Scottish
Studies Society Lifetime
Achievement Award**

Leith Davis
English



**Royal Society of Canada
College Member**

Kora DeBeck
Public Policy

SFU AWARDS

Research Excellence Award

Chelsey Geralda Armstrong
Indigenous Studies

Habib Chaudhury
Gerontology

Excellence in Teaching Award

Rylan Simpson
Criminology

Henny Yeung
Linguistics

**Staff Achievement Award:
Workplace Excellence**

Stacey Fujimoto
Office of the Dean

**Staff Achievement Award:
Equity and Belonging**

Tess Williams
Office of the Dean

FASS AWARDS

Cormack Teaching Awards

Clare McGovern
Political Science

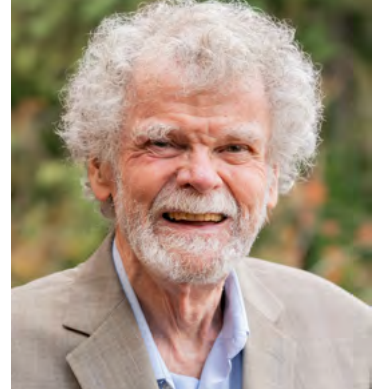
David Cox
Psychology

Eline de Rooij
Political Science

Jason Brown
Global Humanities

Kicya7 Joyce Schneider
Indigenous Studies

Molly Cairncross
Psychology



**Dean's Medal:
Lifetime Achievement**

Arthur Robson
Economics

**Dean's Medal:
Academic Excellence**

Carolyn Lesjak
English

Jeremy Brown
History

Jeremy Carpendale
Psychology

**Research Excellence Award:
Humanities**

Marianne Ignace
Linguistics; Indigenous Languages

**Research Excellence Award:
Early Career in Humanities**

Vaibhav Saria
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

**Research Excellence Awards:
Social Sciences**

Mark Pickup
Political Science



**Research Excellence Awards:
Early Career in Social Sciences**

Yushu Zhu
Public Policy; Urban Studies

**Employee Achievement Award:
Lifetime Contributions**

Bonnie Yeung
Office of the Dean

Gabriel Sauro
Criminology



**Employee Achievement
Award: Changemaker**

Tracey Anbinder
Criminology

**Employee Achievement Award:
Term Teaching or Research Faculty**

Sumercan Bozkurt-Gungen
International Studies

**Employee Achievement
Award: Sessional Instructor**

Jason Proulx
Psychology

**Employee Achievement Award:
Teaching Assistant**

Samuel Basoah
Economics

**Employee Achievement Award:
Individual Work Performance**

Allen Yee
Psychology

**Employee Achievement Award:
Team Work Performance**

Psychology Administration Team



Left to right: Psychology department chair Tim Racine with the department's FASS award winners: Ferruccio Susin, Paige Gant, Nicole Ceron, Allen Yee, Baixue Wang, David Cox, Emily Co, Molly Cairncross, Iris Lee, and Jeremy Cappendale.

STUDENT AWARDS



2024-25 FASS Dean's Undergraduate Fellows

Featuring 23 students from across FASS

Criminology; Cognitive Science; Economics; English; French; Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; Global Humanities; Indigenous Studies; International Studies; Labour Studies; Linguistics; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Public Policy; Social Data Analytics; Sociology and Anthropology; Urban Studies; World Literature



Dean's Graduate Convocation Medal

Dasha Gluhareva
Linguistics



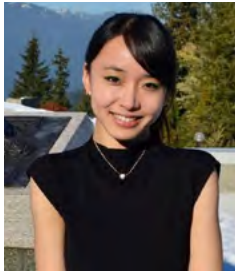
Dean's Graduate Convocation Medal

Sarah Law
Sociology



Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Inclusion, Democracy, and Reconciliation

Kaitlyn Cunningham
Linguistics; Indigenous Languages



Dean's Undergraduate Convocation Medal

Mayuko Arai
Psychology



Dean's Undergraduate Convocation Medal

Taylor Ivan
Philosophy



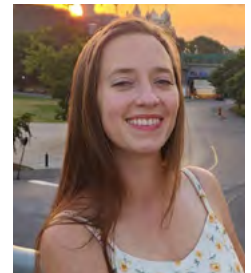
Robert C. Brown Award

Emily Ma
English



Robert C. Brown Award

Mitchell Gibbs
Economics



Graduate Studies Award for Excellence in Service

Tatiana Parrish
Political Science

TRI-AGENCY AWARDS TO FASS GRADUATE STUDENTS

Fall 2024-2025
competition year

- 2 from CIHR
- 4 from NSERC
- 45 from SSHRC

6

SSHRC DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

9

CGS-DOCTORAL RECIPIENTS

33

CGS-MASTER'S RECIPIENTS

3

SSHRC INDIGENOUS SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS

FASS STUDENTS DOMINATE SLC UNDERGRADUATE WRITING CONTEST

A testament to the Faculty's excellence in undergraduate academic writing, more than half of last year's Student Learning Commons (SLC) Undergraduate Writing Contest winners and honourable mentions were FASS students. *

FIRST YEAR CATEGORY

1st Prize:
Sheridan Nix
Political Science

2nd Prize:
Aryan Sharifi
Political Science

Honourable Mentions:
Brianna Bisailon
Psychology; Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Puneet Uppal
Economics

MIDDLE YEARS CATEGORY

Honourable Mentions:
Nadine Laity
History; Philosophy

FOURTH YEAR+ CATEGORY

Honourable Mentions:
Brendan Routh
English

Colin Ai-Jeffrey
History

PLURILINGUAL CATEGORY

1st Prize:
Siddhartha Minhas
English; French

2nd Prize:
Ash Szeto
English

* 2024 competition year results, announced in 2025

FACULTY + STAFF

RETIRED FACULTY



Arthur Robson
Economics



Dave Cox
Economics



Donna Gerdts
Linguistics; Indigenous
Languages



Gary Teeple
Sociology and
Anthropology



Gerardo Otero
International Studies



John Alderete
Linguistics



Nancy Hedberg
Linguistics



Nicky Didicher
English



Nicolas Schmitt
Economics



Paola De Rycke
French



Peter Jacobs
Linguistics; Indigenous
Languages

RETIRED STAFF

Bonnie Yeung
Office of the Dean

Kathryn Ward
English

Lorraine Yam
Indigenous Languages

Rosaline Baik
Arts Central

Tracey Anbinder
Criminology

Dorris Tai
David Lam Centre

Laura Bologea
Philosophy

Margaret Elsey
Psychology

Terrence Yang
Sociology and
Anthropology

Tracey Sherwood
Arts Central

List is inclusive of continuing staff who are retired as of March 1, 2026.

IN MEMORIAM



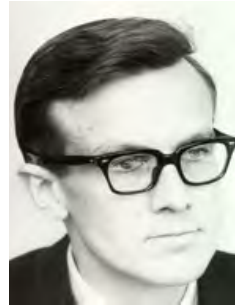
Jason Proulx
Psychology



John M. Munro
Economics



Kat Hunter
Gender, Sexuality, and
Women's Studies



Robert Louis Koepke
History; Graduate
Liberal Studies



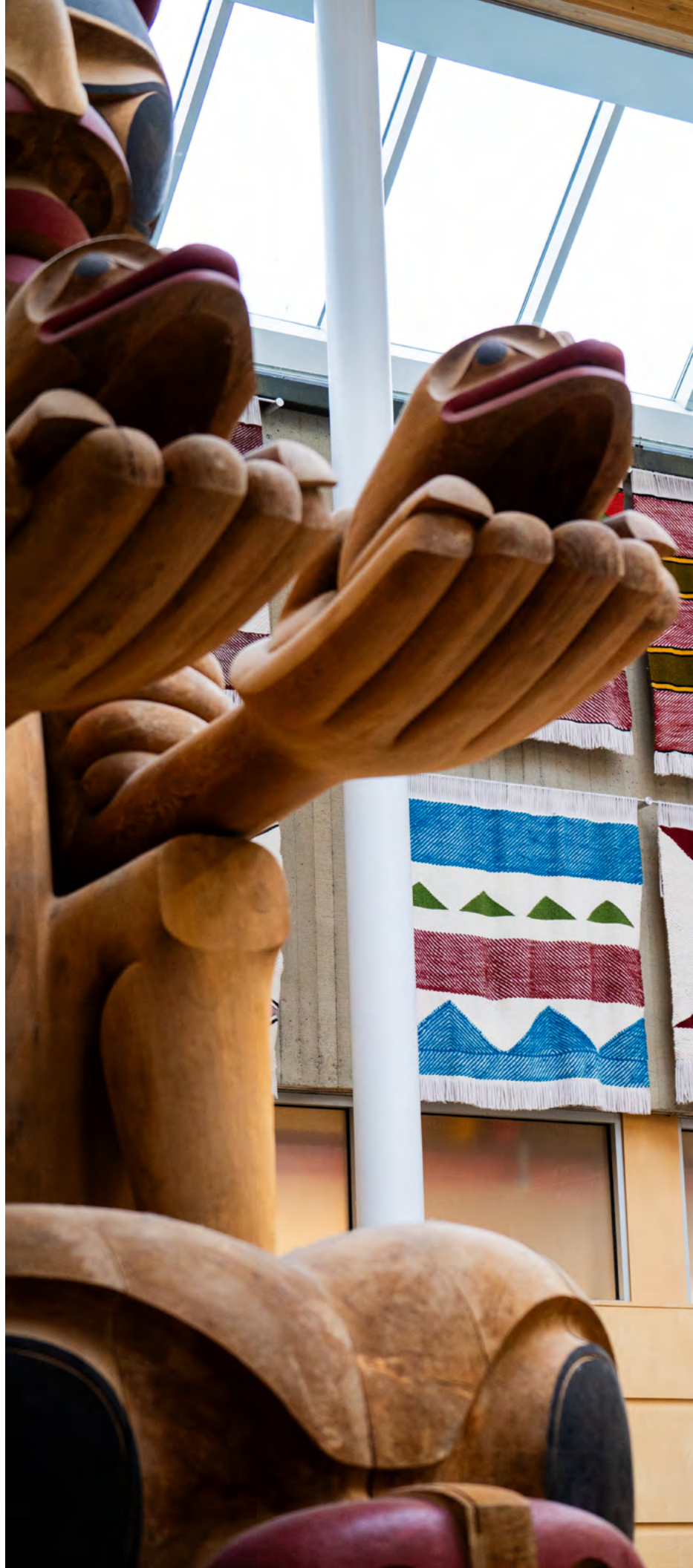
**Ronald Roy
Sutherland**
Scottish Studies



**Sheila Margaret
Roberts**
English



Steven Davis
Philosophy



NEW CONTINUING FACULTY



Angelina Polsinelli
Psychology



Guillaume Blanc
Economics



Gustavo Albuquerque
Economics



John Bird
History



Justin Tetrault
Criminology



Lauren Faulkner Rossi
History



Lauren Schneider
Linguistics; Indigenous Languages



Mark Deggan
World Languages and Literatures



Megh Marathe
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies



Sally Xie
Psychology



Sara Ng
Linguistics



Stephen Bero
Philosophy



Troy Sebastian
English

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

NEW CONTINUING STAFF

Amy Lau
History

Heather Tam
Psychology

Maria Kouhi
Indigenous Studies

Paige Gant
Psychology

Cem Erkli
Philosophy

Janessa Ng
Indigenous Languages

Mehrnaz Nazemzadeh Harandi
Linguistics

Tesia Law
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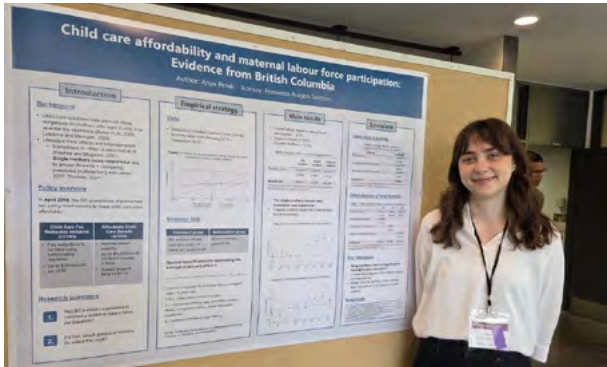
Nicole Ceron
Psychology

Tim Pilkington
Global Partnerships

Enissa Alhashimi
FASS Administrative

Mackenzie Morrow
Arts Central

STUDENTS + ALUMNI



Anya Petek (Economics) won the Best Poster Award at the Bank of Canada-Canadian Economics Association undergraduate poster competition. Her honours thesis research looked at the impact of BC's child care reform policies on maternal labour force participation.



Together with other SFU alumni, **Hafiz Akinlusi** (Economics) runs the Black Arts Centre, an independent non-profit society and cultural hub that supports Black art and artists. He serves as co-director of the artist-run centre in Surrey, which hosts exhibitions, performances and events, and provides a space of connection and community for Black artists to thrive.



Left to right: Caitlyn W., Jung Ryu, Phone Min Thant, and Sangwon Park.

A team of International Studies and Political Science students became the **first non-UBC publication in the UBC Journal of International Affairs' 40-year history**. Their policy brief also earned them first place at the 2024 Canadian Undergraduate Policy Competition.



Left to right: Tatiana Parrish, Madelyn Prevost, and Virginia Uhi.

Madelyn Prevost (Anthropology) took home the top prize at the FASS Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. **Virginia Uhi** (Linguistics) and **Tatiana Parrish** (Political Science) won the second place and people's choice prize respectively. Together with **Sylvia Cho** (Linguistics), all four moved on to the SFU Final.



Left: McLean holding up the shadowbox containing the RFID tags used in her experiments. Right: McLean checking up on her experiment set up in a remote woodlot.

For her honours thesis, **Makena McLean** (Criminology) investigated the survivability of radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags under the harsh conditions of decomposition—research that could impact how disaster victims are identified around the world. The research idea came about when Forensics Guardian International (FGI), a human remains identification company led by SFU alumnus Megan Bassendale, approached the Centre for Forensic Research for their help in developing new methods and technology for body tagging and identification.

Over the course of 17 weeks, McLean ran multiple experiments using pig carcasses and 9 different RFID tags in a remote woodlot. With her findings and recommendations, FGI plans to further test her results and find out how to practically apply them in cost-effective ways.

OUR FASS ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Since its founding in 1965, FASS has grown to a global community of nearly 80,000 alumni—representing 38% of Simon Fraser University’s total alumni population.

Today, FASS graduates live and work in all corners of the world, with alumni residing in at least 100 countries.

The map highlights the countries with the largest concentrations of living FASS alumni.



Students with older adults from the local community at an intergenerational flower arrangement workshop held at the West End Seniors’ Network.

Seven projects led by FASS students successfully received funding from the **SFU Student-Community Engagement Competition**, which provides students with supportive funding to make their innovative, community-focused ideas a reality. By collaborating with community partners, these projects are driving lasting, meaningful impact.

An Art Installation by Youth in Care

Khoa Vo (English; Criminology), Pok Mang Tong (Urban Studies), Tzezl Lau (Urban Studies) with Vancouver Aboriginal Child & Family Services Society and Strive Living Society

Blooming Connections: Intergenerational Flower Workshops

Samantha Teichman (Gerontology) with FLOWER HOUSE Studios and West End Seniors’ Network

Breakfast Club Pilot Program

Rachel Ling (Public Policy) with Ferris Elementary School

Food-to-Table Happy Feet Kit

Amari Flores (Education), Po Hsuan Shao (Psychology), Trevor Stolz (Education), Citlalli Gonzalez (Anthropology; Archaeology) with Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op

Generations of Kinship

Angel Leung (Psychology) and Phanie Phan (Psychology; Business) with Strathcona Community Centre and Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia

Haítzaqvla la Nájkvaǎv/Speaking Heiltsuk in the City

Danika Shaw (Indigenous Languages) and Ben Chung (Linguistics) with Urban Heiltsuk Support Team and UBC Museum of Anthropology

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Arts Central’s **FASS Mentorship program** continues to make a big impact for students. With mentors from most FASS programs, the mentorship program eases the transition for new students, provides opportunities to make friends, and encourages academic exploration.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Left to right: Joy Johnson, Jennifer Lyle, Kasari Govender, Terry Beech, and Jonathan Coté.



FASS Dean's Undergraduate Fellowship Leadership Seminar.



LEARNING FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS

The inaugural cohort of the FASS Dean's Undergraduate Fellowship took part in a fully-funded leadership seminar course in the spring term, where they had the unique opportunity to learn from and engage with prominent civic, community, and university leaders such as Joy Johnson (SFU President), Kasari Govender (BC Human Rights Commissioner), Terry Beech (MP and Minister of Citizens' Services), Jennifer Lyle (CEO, Alzheimer Society of BC), and Jonathan Coté (former mayor of New Westminster).

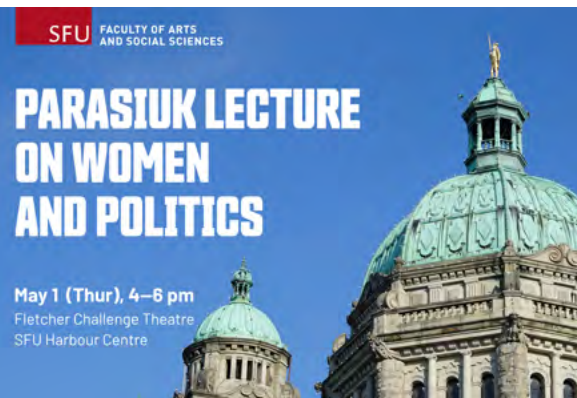
Through thought-provoking discussions, the students learned firsthand about the speakers' personal journeys, their leadership philosophies, and their thoughts on complex social issues—gaining insights that will shape both their academic and professional futures.



BUILDING BRIDGES TOWARD RECONCILIATION

Over the course of the spring and summer terms, the FASS Indigenous Relations office organized a series of presentations and workshops which brought facilitators, staff, and educators together to deepen awareness and promote reconciliation within the academic community.

The inaugural Building Bridges series focused on ways to craft meaningful land acknowledgements, critical reflections, practical classroom and community engagement tools, and a better understanding of the experiences of urban Indigenous people.



PARASIUKE DEAN'S LECTURE

Generously supported by Wilson and Wilma Parasiuk in memory of their son and Political Science alumnus Michael Parasiuk, the inaugural Parasiuk Dean's Lecture focused on the topic of women and politics, specifically on the historic election of British Columbia's first majority-female Legislative Assembly.

The event included a roundtable featuring experts on women's representation and governance followed by a keynote address by Mona Lena Krook of Rutgers University, a renowned scholar on women's representation.

BY THE NUMBERS

2025

CANADIAN RANKINGS
Times Higher Education 2025

#5

SOCIAL SCIENCES

#7

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

30

**DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS,
AND PROGRAMS**

15

RESEARCH CENTRES

13

RESEARCH INSTITUTES

325

**CONTINUING RESEARCH
AND TEACHING FACULTY**
30% of all CFL at SFU *

729

GRADUATE STUDENTS
19% of all grad students at SFU *

9,265

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
32% of all undergraduates at SFU *

135

CONTINUING STAFF

1,881

GRADUANDS

79,900+

FASS ALUMNI SINCE 1965
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† 2026, SFU Advancement and Alumni Engagement



This handout is not an exhaustive list of all the news and accomplishments that took place within FASS in the past year. Due to potential content overlap between years, content that has been included in previous FASS Forum handouts will not be repeated in subsequent ones.

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