



RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SFU'S FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (FASS) IS COMPRISED OF 23 PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS. THE FACULTY HAS 17 DEDICATED RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES.

COVID-19 RELATED GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Department of Psychology assistant professor Michaelle Kline is a co-principal investigator on the *Coupled Contagion, Behavior-Change, and the Dynamics of Pro- and Anti-Social Behavior during the COVID-19 Pandemic* project. The study evaluates how individuals interpret, understand, and respond to the risk and uncertainty of the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

Indigenous Studies assistant professor Jeannie Morgan and SFU's Alanaise Goodwill's project *Pandemic experiences and impacts of COVID-19 on the mental health of Indigenous communities* explores the potential the COVID-19 pandemic has to adversely and disproportionately affect Indigenous people as previous pandemics have in the past. This work is funded by a CIHR grant.

LARA AKNIN APPOINTED TO THE LANCET COVID-19 COMMISSION

Department of Psychology associate professor Lara Akinin is the only Canadian who was appointed the Lancet's commission for COVID-19 recovery. The Lancet COVID-19 Commission is an interdisciplinary initiative across the health sciences, business, finance, and public policy that is working on promoting solutions to improve public health and support economic recovery from the epidemic.

SSHRC INSIGHT GRANTS

In 2020, a total of [13 FASS Faculty members](#) received a combined \$2,097,181 from SSHRC's Insight Grants program to support their research. The two largest grants went to projects led by the Department of History's John Craig for his project *English Protestantism and Performances* for \$364K, and the Department of English's Michelle Levy for her project *Women's Books*, a bibliographic expansion project for \$294K.

\$2.78M SSHRC PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Philosophy professor and FASS Associate Dean Lisa Shapiro received a SSHRC Partnership Grant worth \$2.78M for the *Extending New Narratives in Philosophy* project. This grant expands upon a previous Partnership Development Grant that brings together 12 partner institutions and more than 85 academic scholars and librarians worldwide. The goal of the project is to transform the philosophical canon by increasing the diversity of voices recognized as significant to the subject.

2020 CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE

Political Science emeritus professor and advisory committee member of Labour Studies Marjorie Griffin Cohen won the 2020 Charles Taylor Prize for Excellence in Policy Research from the Broadbent Institute. She was awarded for her work in public policy, including the B.C. Fair Wages Commission that was appointed in 2017 to advise the government on increasing the minimum wage.

FELLOWSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Economics professor and associate chair Jasmina Arifovic was awarded a 2020 Fellowship Award from the Bank of Canada for her research expertise and innovative work in economics, including pioneering work in evolutionary models of personal beliefs, computational design, currency crises, financial markets, and exchange rates dynamics.

As the Director of the Centre for Research in Adaptive Behaviour in Economics (CRABE), Arifovic led projects using computer simulations to research behavioural and experimental economics. Arifovic's research as the Founding Director at CRABE along with her pioneering work in computational modeling led SFU's Department of Economics to rank 15th worldwide in the field of computational economics.

Department of English professor Betty Schellenberg was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in the United Kingdom for her work on women writers in the 18th century. This award honours scholars who have made "an original contribution to historical scholarship" and recognizes Schellenberg's literary-historical and archival research. Schellenberg has taught at SFU since 1991 and focuses on the mid-18th century print trade, its interaction with scribal culture and the role of professional and amateur women writers within it.

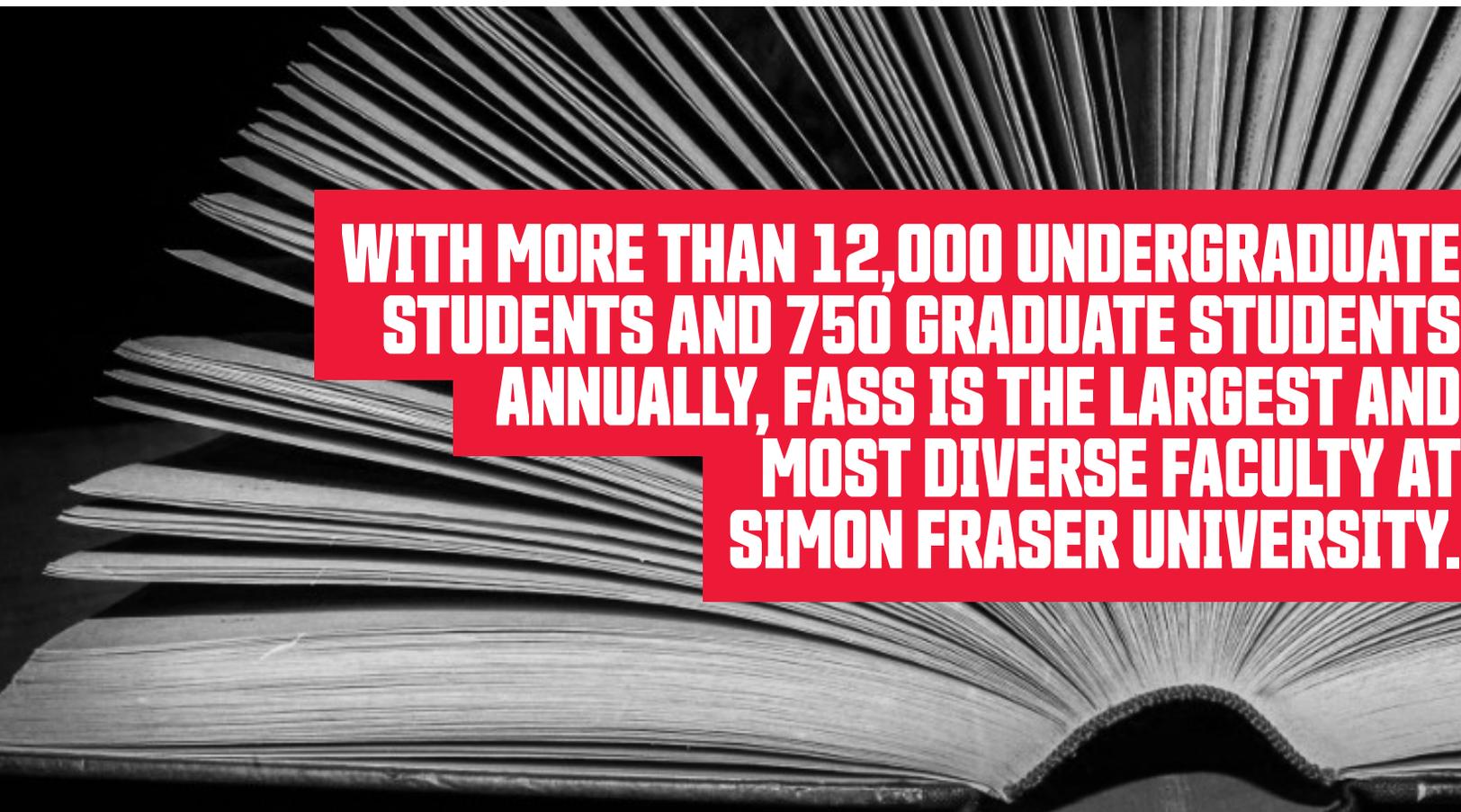
Urban Studies assistant professor Yushu Zhu received a Lincoln Institute China Program International Fellowship to further examine how China's state-led urban development has affected gentrification and displacement.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA APPOINTMENT

Former SFU Department of English Chair Sandra Djwa was made a lifetime member of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC). RSC membership is one of Canada's highest academic honours. Djwa taught Canadian literature in SFU's English department for 37 years and was the department chair between 1986 and 1994.

LASTING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

International Studies Director, professor, and Stephen Jarislowsky Chair, Tamir Moustafa, received the Lasting Contribution Award from the Law & Courts Section of American Political Science Association (APSA) in August 2019. Moustafa was honored in recognition of his first book *The Struggle for Constitutional Power: Law, Politics, and Economic Development in Egypt*. The book addresses judicial reform as a panacea for the political and economic turmoil plaguing developing countries through an examination of the politics of the Egyptian Supreme Constitutional Court, the most important experiment in constitutionalism in the Arab world.



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