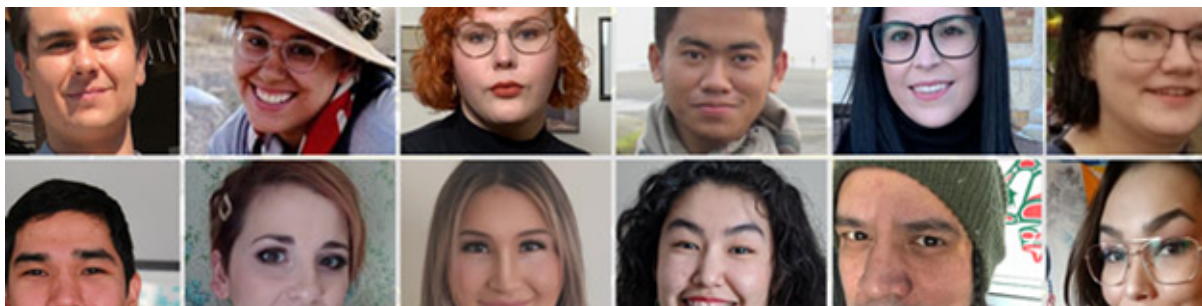


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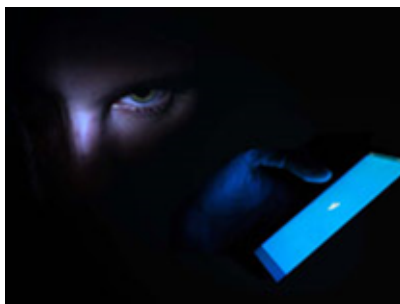
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## College of Arts and Science students receive Indigenous Achievement Awards

Nineteen students in the College of Arts and Science were honoured with Indigenous Achievement Awards as part of Indigenous Achievement Week 2021 at USask.



## USask COVID-19 research to track online hate directed at Asian community

USask linguistics researcher Dr. Zhi Li (PhD) has been awarded almost \$25,000 by SSHRC to lead a team in tracking the causes of online hate on Twitter directed at Asian people.

Li will work with USask sociologist Dr. Hongming Cheng (PhD), USask adjunct computer scientist Dr. Roy Ka-Wei Lee (PhD) and the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.

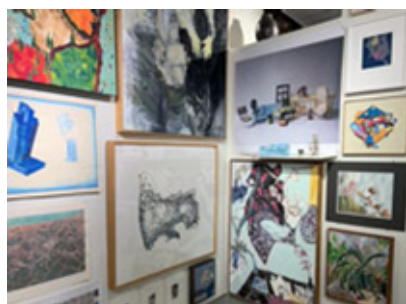
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### **New book by USask historian shows Canada-U.S. border in new light**

A new book by Dr. Benjamin Hoy (PhD) of the Department of History is an ambitious exploration of the messy and often violent history of the world's longest undefended border.

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### **Going digital: USask gallery celebrates alumni art with exhibition, returns physical works to makers**

USask is celebrating works of art created by students, alumni, faculty and local artists during a period of more than 70 years through an exhibition recently installed on campus.

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### **ISAP supported through \$100,000 NIB Trust Fund contribution**

The new funding for Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP) will help to advance several initiatives, including an upper-year student mentorship network—the Indigenous Student Scholars Experience—launching this term.

ISAP was also recently featured in a new national report from the Conference Board of Canada: **Indigenous STEM Access Programs: Leading Post-Secondary Inclusion**



### **USask research rewrites the story of early arthropods**

Until now, trilobites—the hard-shelled animals whose fossils dominate the record of early life on Earth—were thought to have lived only in oceans. A new study led by Dr. Gabriela Mángano (PhD) and Dr. Luis Buatois (PhD) of the Department of Geological Sciences challenges this assumption.



### **Tegenkamp wins poetry award**

Diana Tegenkamp, office coordinator in the Department of English, has won second prize in the 2020 Banff Centre Bliss Carman Poetry Prize contest, a national writing competition held as part of the Prairie Fire Press – McNally Robinson Booksellers Writing Contests. [Read an excerpt of Tegenkamp's winning poem, "My father as rhythm in lakewater."](#)

Tegenkamp's book of poetry, titled *Arterial and Quarry*, will be published this fall by Thistledown Press.



### **Walker recruited as CGPS associate dean**

Dr. Ryan Walker (PhD), professor in the Department of Geography and Planning, has been appointed associate dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) at USask. His term as associate dean began on Jan. 1, 2021 and continues until Dec. 31, 2023.

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## Vice-dean RSAW presentations

The Search Committee for the Vice-Dean Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work (RSAW) in the College of Arts and Science invites faculty, staff and students to view the public presentations of the short-listed candidates. Each candidate will discuss their vision for the role of vice-dean research, scholarly and artistic work for approximately 20 minutes, followed by an opportunity to respond to questions.

- [Feb. 22, 9 am: Dr. Ingrid Pickering \(PhD\)](#)
- [Feb. 25, 9 am: Dr. Bram Noble \(PhD\)](#)
- [March 1, 9 am: Dr. Jim Lee \(PhD\)](#)



### Michayla van de Velde, Programming Officer, Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways

**Q: When did you start working in the College of Arts and Science?**

I started my position as ISAP programming officer in September 2020!

**Q: Using two sentences, how would you describe your work in the college?**

As ISAP programming officer, I plan programming such as ISAP events, learning communities and registration. I also provide administrative support and promote the program.

**Q: What activities do you enjoy outside of work?**

I love to play video games and board games, go for hikes with my dog, and try different artistic pursuits; and I have a small business where I make and sell eco-friendly beeswax products.

**Q: What is something people may find surprising about you?**

I started my journey at the university differently than most: at 16, as an employee! I've gone from employee to student to employee a few times, but each time has been exciting, and feels like being welcomed home.

**Q: If you could only take one movie, one book and one album with you to a far-away island, what are the three items you would choose?**

*I Tonya*, *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn, and *Demon Days* by Gorillaz. My favourite movie, book, and CD change pretty frequently, but those three are the longest lasting and most consistent of my favourites.



**By the numbers**

**25:** The number of *Be Well at USask* podcast episodes produced in 2020. Created as part of the USask Wellness Strategy, the podcast features members of the USask community sharing ideas and providing guidance on how we can be well in all aspects of our lives. Listen on [Anchor](#), [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [YouTube](#).

**Upcoming Events**



**Faculty and Friends Virtual Concert: Outside Voices**

The next performance in the Department of Music's Faculty and Friends virtual concert series features the trumpet and double bass duo of Prof. Dean McNeill and Richard Carnegie at 12:30 pm on **Wednesday, Feb. 10**. McNeill and Carnegie's most recent duo

project entitled *Outside Voices* explores the transparency of two-part musical counterpoint between the soprano and bass registers.

Until April 10 [Beads in the blood: Ruth Cuthand, a Survey](#)

Until Feb. 13 [The Snelgrove Salon: Part 1](#)

Feb. 11 [Critical Conversations 2021: Natalie Loveless](#)

Feb. 12 ["Genre as Mnemonic Device" in the Detective Fiction of Todd Downing](#)

Feb. 24 [Faculty and Friends Virtual Concert: Exploring Harmoniemusik](#)

March 3 [Faculty and Friends Virtual Concert: Elixir Ensemble](#)

March 5 [Critical Conversations 2021: Dylan Robinson](#)

March 8 [11th Annual New Feminist Research Lecture](#)

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## In the Media

CBC News: [Satellite parade over Saskatoon, Regina shows how Elon Musk is changing the Prairie night sky](#) (with Dr. Daryl Janzen, PhD, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics, Feb. 5)

Global News: [Canada's school systems are failing to address colonial past: educators](#) (with Sherri Swidrovich, Department of Indigenous Studies, Jan. 31)

CBC News: [U of S researchers get grant for work on emergency response in First Nations and Métis communities](#) (with Dr. Simon Lambert, PhD, Department of Indigenous Studies, Jan. 29)

Prince Albert Daily Herald: ['Everyone has a story': Storyteller highlights the importance of sharing heading into Aboriginal Storytelling Month](#) (with Randy Morin, Department of Indigenous Studies, Jan. 22)

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