

# Dean's Report

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*\*additional information presented by the Dean at Faculty Board*



## Strategic Plan Updates

To find our updates on social media, please use the following hashtags on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram: #FASStrategicPlan #ResearchProminence #StudentExperience #SupportFASPeople and #TransformFASSpaces.

Since the launch of the Strategic Plan last fall, the Faculty has undertaken the following initiatives that reflect and support its guiding principles and strategic priorities:

- The **Dean's Honour List Trivia Night**, which took place in February, recognized students for their achievements and hard work. Students had a chance to interact the Dean, Associate Deans, faculty members, and each other, as well as take part in some fun and games. See the [Tweet](#), [Facebook Post](#) and/or [Instagram Post](#). #StudentExperience
- Approximately 75 staff members from the Dean's Office participated in one-day workshops on **Gaining Competence in an Intercultural Workplace** in November, January, and February. Intercultural competence is essential as Queen's campus increases in diversity and this workshop, facilitated by Alison Cummings, Training Coordinator in Human Resources, Organizational Development and Learning, helped staff build the skills and knowledge they need to interact with the cultural difference that is all around. #SupportFASPeople #StudentExperience
- The first talk in our new **Indigenous Solidarity Conversation Series**, which took place in January, was a resounding success. It was on the topic of Indigenous Resurgence and Re-indigenization with guest Robert Lovelace, a retired chief of the Ardoch Algonquin First Nation, a well-known regional activist, and an adjunct lecturer in Global Development Studies. The Conversation Series reflects the guiding principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion, including anti-racism, decolonization and Indigenous resurgence, and continuous learning, professional development and global engagement. See the [Whig Standard story](#) and [register now](#) for one of the next talks! #ResearchProminence #StudentExperience #SupportFASPeople
- Department Heads took part in the **Land Acknowledgement Workshop** in December. This reflects the guiding principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion, including anti-racism, decolonization and Indigenous resurgence, and continuous learning, professional development and global engagement. See the [Tweet](#). #SupportFASPeople
- The Department of Gender Studies held a grand opening of a new **gender-neutral accessible washroom** in Mac-Corry in December. See the [Tweet](#). #TransformFASSpaces #SupportFASPeople
- A number of buildings have been received detailed cleaning in the entrances, hallways, stairwells and washrooms and cleaning is scheduled for Dunning Hall, Humphrey Hall,

Miller Hall for March. For the example of the sparkle on the floors of Watson Hall, see the [Tweet](#). #TransformFASSpaces #SupportFASPeople

- The Faculty of Arts and Science hosted a **Welcome Reception** for this year's recipients of the Pre-Doctoral Fellowships for Indigenous Students in November. This reflects the guiding principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion, including anti-racism, decolonization and Indigenous resurgence as well as strategic plan priorities. See the [Tweet](#). #ResearchProminence #StudentExperience #SupportFASPeople
- The **Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston Program** for 2020 was launched last November. It will pair soon-to-be graduates of arts and humanities programs with local employers. See the [Kingstonist story](#). #StudentExperience #SupportFASPeople

The following initiatives that reflect and support the Strategic Plan guiding principles and strategic priorities are upcoming and/or in progress:

- The **Dean's Community Assembly** will take place from 12:30-2:00 on **February 26**. It will provide staff with a unique opportunity to engage with the Faculty's Strategic Plan and share their views about how we can support them. Registration is now closed. #SupportFASPeople
- The **Transform our Spaces Fund** deadline for applications is **March 1**. The fund provides financial assistance to initiate renovations to create accessible and inspiring facilities and infrastructure to catalyze learning, discovery, collaboration and community. Funding is awarded on a competitive basis and priority is given to submissions demonstrating strong alignment with the Faculty's strategic priorities. Visit the [Dean's Initiative Awards page](#) to apply. #ResearchProminence #StudentExperience #SupportFASPeople #TransformFASSpaces
- **Skating and Sips with the Dean** will take place from 4:00-6:00 pm on **March 4**. Walk to market square from Dunning Hall main entrance at 4:00 pm and skate with the Dean for a wellness activity and then warm up afterwards with a SIPPS beverage and some words about our Strategic Plan initiatives. This event supports the Strategic Plan priorities #StudentExperience #SupportFASPeople.
- The **Dean's Changemaker Challenge** will take place from 11:00 am -1:00 pm on **March 16** in Mac-Corry Student Street. The Dean is challenging students to tell us what needs to change so that we can develop courses that will help them turn their ideas into reality. Learn more and help us encourage students to participate! See [QUartsci.com/challenge](#). #StudentExperience

### **Kudos**

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The Canadian Institutes of Health Research has funded \$3.95 million in grants for Queen's Researchers. Seven researchers received funding including **Christopher Bowie** (Psychology) and **Jeffrey Masuda** (Kinesiology and Health Studies). See the [Gazette Story](#).

**Karen Lawford** (Department of Gender Studies) has been honoured for her outstanding career achievements in health. She is the first Indigenous midwife in Canada to receive a doctoral degree and will be recognized with a 2020 Indspire Award. See the [Gazette Story](#).

University Affairs published a feature piece on terrorism researcher **Amarnath Amarasingam** (Religion) who has become the media's go-to expert on radicalization. See the [University Affairs story](#)

Professors emeriti **Peter Harrison** (School of Policy Studies), **Brian Osborne** (Geography and Planning), and **Duncan Sinclair** (Physiology, School of Policy Studies) have been recently recognized by Governor General Julie Payette for their appointments to the Order of Canada. See the [Gazette story](#)

The Canadian Celebration of Women in Computing, which began as an Ontario-only event in 2010, attracted 750 participants from across the country in early November. The Queen's School of Computing played a key role in creating the original event and Assistant Professor **Wendy Powley** continues to be the general chair of the organizing committee. See the [Gazette story](#).

**Gregory Jerkiewicz** (Chemistry) and the Engineered Nickel Catalysts for Electrochemical Clean Energy team received a competitive \$4 million Discovery Frontiers grant from NSERC and have generated research results that could revolutionize clean energy technology through the use of nickel in materials such as fuel cells. See the [Gazette story](#).

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) features audio-visual art installation co-designed by Queen's composer **Matt Rogalsky** (Dan School of Drama and Music). See the [Gazette story](#).

Four of the nine Queen's alumnae on the 2019 list of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women graduated from Arts and Science, including: **Frances Allen** (Artsci'87), **Frances Donald** (Artsci'08), **Deborah Shannon Trudeau** (Artsci'76), and **Annesley Wallace** (Sc'03, MSc'05). See [the Gazette story](#)

CBC reported on Queen's University philosophy professor Will Kymlicka earning the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Gold Medal. See the [CBC story](#).

**Robert Morrison** (English) had his book *The Regency Years* longlisted for \$30K RBC Taylor Prize for nonfiction. See the [CBC story](#) and the Q & A in the [Gazette](#).

Queen's University Professor Emeritus and Nobel Laureate **Arthur McDonald** (Physics) has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). See the [Gazette story](#)

**Nevena Martinović**, a PhD candidate in English Language and Literature at Queen's, named runner-up in the inaugural Matariki 3 Minute Thesis international competition. See the [Gazette story](#).

Assistant Dean **Sue Blake** was among the six members of the university community who were awarded the Queen's Distinguished Service Awards for 2019. See the [Gazette story](#).

**Jacquie Jamieson**, Executive Assistant to Dean Barbara Crow and Manager, Dean's Office, and **Jo-Anne Tinlin**, Graduate Assistant, Geography and Planning, and the McDonald Institute team, including **Meghan Brien**, **Zachary Kenny**, **Jennifer Low**, **Edward Nkole**, **Alexandra Pedersen**, **Mark Richardson**, **Edward Thomas** and **Diana Turner**, were awarded the 2019 Special Recognition for Staff Awards. See the [Gazette story](#).