Arts and Science News and Kudos

Thank you to all who joined us on Tuesday, December 7 for our “Let’s Take a Break and Celebrate!” end of year event. It was wonderful to see so many of you for our break, photo contest, and trivia. I hope it was an enjoyable hour for everyone who was able to attend.

- Queen’s University is partnering with Kenjgewin Teg to jointly develop and offer three new courses in Indigenous studies in January 2022. Kenjgewin Teg is an Indigenous-led educational institute at M’Chigeeng First Nation, on Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island). Read the story and please share with any students who are looking for an elective this winter: Queen’s to offer three new courses in Indigenous studies in January 2022.

- The Faculty of Arts and Science announced it is offering a new Queen’s Global Summer (QGS) program in July and August 2022. The QGS is a multi-disciplinary project that will offer valuable academic experiences to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty, staff, and community members. Read the story Faculty of Arts and Science announces new Queen’s Global Summer Program and stay tuned for additional details in January.

- Faculty of Arts and Science professor Yolande Bouka (Political Studies) has been named co-director of the newly-launched Research Network on Women, Peace, and Security and an international bilingual research hub leading a multi-faceted study of the Government of Canada’s Women, Peace, and Security agenda. Read the story: Advancing peace and security domestically and internationally.

- Queen’s University PhD candidate Samantha Twietmeyer was named runner-up at the 2021 Matariki 3MT for her presentation Scared of what’s behind you – Negotiating a double minority dilemma. Read the story: Samantha Twietmeyer finishes second at 2021 Matariki 3MT.

- Four Faculty of Arts and Science undergraduates earned Highly Commended honours at this year’s Global Undergraduate Awards. This year 292 institutions from 45 countries participated in the Undergraduate Awards Global Summit the world’s leading academic awards program. Read the story: Four FAS students honoured at Global Undergraduate Awards.

- The Faculty of Arts and Science celebrated International Education Week with a feature on five student ambassadors in the Connect program. Read the story: Ambassador program provides support for international students.

- Sahana Nayaka and Akshay Desale are the first two students from India to join Queen’s through the university’s partnership with the Karta Initiative. Read the story: Queen’s welcomes Karta Scholars.

- Egyptian-Canadian author and Queen’s alumnus Omar El Akkad was awarded the coveted Scotiabank Giller Prize for his latest book What Strange Paradise. The book marks El Akkad’s second major fiction release and centres on a young Syrian boy’s survival amidst the global refugee crisis. Read the story: Q&A: Giller Prize-winning author Omar El Akkad.