



Dean's Report

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

Arts and Science News and Kudos

Welcome back! We are finalizing our *Annual Review* for 2020-2021 and you will receive it soon via *What's Up Artsci*. As it will highlight achievements made over the course of the year, the following includes only some of the most recent FAS news. Kudos also go to everyone in our Faculty for working collaboratively to face and overcome the challenges caused by COVID-19, changing government regulations, and our gradual return to campus. For FAS updates, see our [Fall 2021 Return to Campus](#) webpage, which is now in the top-level navigation on our website.

- September 30 will mark Canada's first official National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Classes are not cancelled. In support of this important day, the university is offering activities and opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to learn, engage, and act toward advancing reconciliation both on and off campus. These activities are listed on the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives website](#).
- The Faculty of Arts and Science introduced Lynda Jessup, who was appointed to her position of Vice-Dean on July 1, in the story: [Meet Vice-Dean Lynda Jessup](#).
- The Faculty also recently announced the appointment of Dr. Elliot Chapple as the new Director, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization (EDII). Read the story: [New EDII director brings unique blend of experience to FAS](#).
- Sari van Anders (Psychology and Gender Studies) earned the University of Minnesota Medical School's Program in Human Sexuality (PHS) inaugural Distinguished Sexual and Gender Health Revolutionary award. Read the story: [World-renowned sex researcher earns international honours](#).
- Four FAS researchers were elected to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC). Professor emeritus John Berry (Psychology) received the honour of Fellowship, while professors Heather Castleden (Geography and Planning), Karen Lawford (Gender Studies), and Sari van Anders (Psychology and Gender Studies) have been elected to the College of New Scholars, Scientists and Artists. This diverse group has research specialties ranging from Indigenous health policy, cross-cultural psychology, and gender/sex research to community and participatory-based research with Indigenous communities. Read the story: [Four Queen's researchers elected to the Royal Society of Canada](#).
- Will Kymlicka (Political Studies), Canada Research Chair in Political Philosophy, earned the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) Pierre Chauveau Medal for his distinguished contribution to knowledge in the humanities other than Canadian literature and Canadian history. Read the story: [World-renowned philosopher earns Royal Society honour](#).

- Parvin Mousavi (Computing) and her co-investigators were awarded \$1.6 million in funding over six years as part of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council's (NSERC) Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) program. Read the story: [Training Canada's future health data workforce](#).
- FAS was awarded over \$1.1 million in funding in the latest round of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF). Matthew Reeve (Art History and Conservation), Norman Vorano (Art History and Conservation), Nahee Park (Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy), Nir Rotenberg (Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy), and Sara Nabil (School of Computing) received funding. Read the story: [Funding provides leading-edge technological resources to researchers](#).
- Four multidisciplinary FAS projects received a total of \$4.3 million in funding through two grant initiatives: the Ontario Research Fund and the Early Researcher Awards program. Pascale Champagne (Civil and Chemical Engineering; Chemistry), Joseph Bramante (Physics, Engineering Physics, and Astronomy), Robert Colautti (Biology), and Jason Gallivan (Psychology) received funding. Read the story: [Ontario invests in research and innovation](#).
- Six FAS researchers received funding from the New Frontiers in Research Fund's (NFRF) 2020 Exploration competition: Christine Sypnowich (Philosophy), Bas Vriens (Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering), Sara Nabil (School of Computing), and Kathrin Tyryshkin (School of Computing). Read the story: [Funding new frontiers in research](#).
- Ryan Randall (Film and Media) earned a 2021 Best Cinematography in a Feature Length Documentary award from the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television for his feature documentary *Workhorse*. Read the story: [Local talent earns Canadian screen award](#).
- Thanks to a generous donation from FAS alumnus Peter MacLeod, MA'02, founder and principal of MASS LBP, a company that conducts citizens' assemblies, Queen's University Archives is now the proud owner of the world's largest collection of policy-making chronicles. Read the story: [FAS alumnus donation provides Queen's unprecedented access to research](#).
- FAS is collaborating with other faculties to provide academic support services along with workshops and events unique to STEM-related programs through the new initiative called STEM: Indigenous Academics (STEM:InA). Read the story: [Three faculties collaborate to provide support for Indigenous students in STEM-focused programs](#).
- Stephanie Dickey (Art History and Conservation) co-curated the first-ever exhibition of masterpieces by the world-renowned artist Rembrandt van Rijn at the National Gallery of Canada. Read the story: [Queen's Professor co-curates National Gallery of Canada's first major Rembrandt exhibition](#).
- Five students from the Faculty of Arts and Science earned Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships, one of Canada's most prestigious awards for doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows. Read the story: [FAS students earn national scholarships](#).