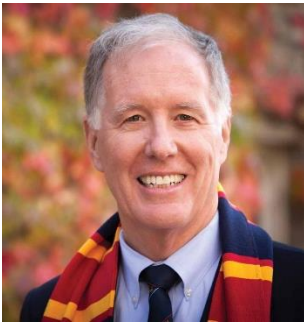


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- [Update](#) your contact information (mail, email, phone) to stay informed about Queen's.
- Do you have news, events, or a success story to share? Send us an [email](#) anytime with the details so we can consider it for a future newsletter!

COUNCIL UPDATES:



Thank you to the [Chancellor Search Advisory Committee](#). And, thank you to University Councillors who attended the special meeting on April 28th, and approved the [appointment of The Honourable Murray Sinclair as Queen's 15th Chancellor](#) (effective July 1, 2021).

In addition, University Council approved the appointment of [James William Leech](#) to the honorary title of Chancellor Emeritus, effective July 1, 2021.



Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions! ucouncil@queensu.ca

[Council Trustees](#) Update: The Board of Trustees met on May 7-8. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on **September 24-25** (meeting dates can be found on Board [website](#)). You can check out the Board agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session on September 24, please submit your request in advance to trustees@queensu.ca.

The University Secretariat would like to acknowledge and thank outgoing Council Trustees **Doug Bruce** (2015-2021) and **Daniel Tisch** (2011-2021) for their outstanding service on the Board of Trustees. **Alison Holt** was re-elected to the Board and she, along with new Council Trustees **Opiyo Oloya** and **Marcus Wong**, will begin their terms as of June 1.

[Nominating Committee](#) Updates: The call for nominations for the 2021 University Council alumni election has closed. Information is currently being compiled from nominees. The 2021 election will be held online from June 1-15, 2021. Should there be any questions regarding the election process, you may contact the University Secretariat at ucouncil@queensu.ca.

[Statement of Solidarity](#): In the wake of increasing violence against members of Asian communities in Canada and the United States, the Black members of Queen's University Council, initiated by [Greg Frankson](#), came together to draft an [important statement of solidarity](#), which was endorsed by all Council members at their April 28 meeting. Please see the featured article in the [Queen's Gazette](#).

Program Committee Update:

It has taken a bit longer than originally planned to finalize some programming on EDII, but good progress has been made. The Program Committee has been working with Advancement on a series of related topics that we feel Councillors would be interested in and we are excited to get underway. Our first session will be in the near future, please stand by for a separate email with the details. The Program Committee will work over the summer to schedule out a number of follow-up sessions for the fall, and of course we will begin working on the planning for the AGM in November (November 6, 2021).

EDII Advisor

As Councillors are aware, **Councillor Anita Jack-Davies** has been volunteering her time and expertise on the subject of EDII for the past year, which included playing a significant role in the planning of the AGM last fall. The Secretariat's office and the Program Committee would like to thank Anita for her efforts and her excellent work, and we look forward to her contributions during the second year of her two-year appointment.



The Program Committee would like to thank **Susan Smith** for her service over the past 2 years. We would also like to welcome **Richard Baugh** as an elected councillor for two years, welcome back **John Armitage** who was re-appointed for a two-year term, and welcome **Alison Holt** as a Council Trustee for a one-year term.

Doug Bruce,
Chair, Program Committee



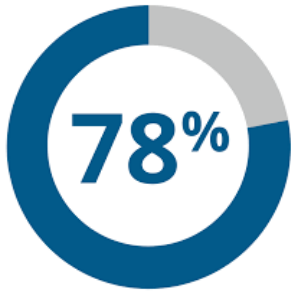
**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA) Update: For the second year in a row, the Queen's University Alumni Association Assembly held its annual AGM virtually on Saturday April 24th. A total of 37 participants tuned in, including fellow Councillors **Elaine Wu and Heather Black**. With a total of 41 voting Assembly members, the Board was thrilled to see this level of virtual participation. Principal Patrick Deane joined the group to share a bit about the recent [Times Higher Education Impact Ranking](#) announcement and engaged in a roundtable discussion where there was heavy focus on the current Queen's student experience and what we can expect at Queen's moving forward into a "new normal". The group started discussions around goals and priorities for the year ahead, which the QUAA Board of Directors continued during its annual planning retreat on Saturday May 1st.

Senate: Meeting dates can be found on the Senate [website](#). The next regular Senate meeting will be held on September 28th. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to senate@queensu.ca

COUNCILLORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Learn more about how you can [support Queen's University](#). And Councillors, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.



At the end of the fiscal year, Council has achieved a giving rate of 78%! Thanks to all Councillors who made a charitable contribution to Queen's – as leaders in the Queen's community, this is a strong message to send about the importance of philanthropy. A special thank you to Councillors **Heather Black and Elaine Wu** who championed the giving campaign.

If you would like to explore additional giving opportunities, please contact emily.mackwood@queensu.ca Let's meet our goal of 100% next year!

Congratulations to Councillor [Amrita V. Singh](#) for winning the 2021 [Queen's Law Dan Soberman Outstanding Young Alumni Award](#) (early-career success). The Soberman Award is awarded to alumni who have graduated within the last 10 years, are 35 years of age or younger, and have demonstrated promising future leadership through outstanding professional achievement, community service or commitment to Queen's Law. It was established in memory of Professor Emeritus Dan Soberman (LLD'08), the youngest of three founding faculty members who went on to serve as Dean of Law for two terms.



Mark your calendars for **May 20, 2021 (5:00-6:30 pm)** [Celebrate Queen's Law Virtual Event](#) - Dean Mark Walters invites you to a special virtual event as they reflect on where they've come, honour the achievements of the annual [Alumni Award winners](#) 2020 and 2021 (including [Amrita](#)), hear from students and faculty, kick-off the 50th anniversary of Queen's Legal Aid, and much more.

Join for this unique opportunity to reconnect with the global Queen's Law community for an evening of festivities, special guests, video tributes, and other activities, as they celebrate the best of Queen's Law! [Register here.](#)

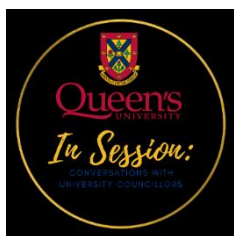


The Office of Advancement will welcome the Class of 2021 with a unique gift, a **vintage-style notebook**, created by a Canadian press owned and operated by one of our alumni. New this year will be signatures on the inside cover of the book. Thank you to Queen's Councillors **Precious Nyarko-Antwii, Amrita V. Singh, and Yanique Williams** for their messages to our newest alumni.



[Queen's Gratitude Day](#) campaign: Councillors have been invited to take part in the [Queen's Gratitude Day](#) campaign sharing their stories and personal motivations for supporting Queen's. You provide a photo and few paragraphs on why you donate (or we can arrange a colleague to interview you). A social media graphic will be created and shared on an upcoming Tuesday on Queen's social media platforms. Thanks to [John Armitage](#) who was recently featured.

If you would like to share your story and personal motivation for supporting Queen's, contact [Begoña Pereira](#) for more information.



In Session: Conversations with University Councillors are now complete. Thank you to the Councillors who shared stories about their time at Queen's, their career pathways after convocation, and the many ways they give back to Queen's, including service on University Council. A special thank you to [Dinah Jansen](#) for her passion in pulling together the project.

The following are links to the University Councillor interviews:

- 17-Feb - [Chancellor Jim Leech and Judith Brown](#)
- 24-Feb - [Anjali Helferty and Daniel Tisch](#)
- 03-Mar - [Opiyo Oloya and Mary Wilson Trider](#)
- 10-Mar - [Principal Patrick Deane, Richard Baugh, and Sari Ohsada](#)
- 17-Mar - [Rico Garcia, Tka Pinnock, and Susan Smith](#)
- 24-Mar - [John Armitage, Michael Parsche, and Marcus Wong](#)
- 31-Mar - [Bittu George](#)
- 07-Apr - [Kofi Adow, Aziz Garuba, and Anita Jack Davies](#)
- 14-Apr - [Samantha Cheung and Kasmet Niyongabo](#)

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:

The Office of the University Secretariat and the Office of Advancement are partnering to investigate additional opportunities for Councillors. We will continue to roll out opportunities as they arise. Or, if you are interested in a particular area, please contact your Council Engagement Officer terri.flindall@queensu.ca And, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.



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Queen's INNOVATION CENTRE

Queen's Innovation Centre Summer Initiative (QICSI) needs your help!

QICSI is a 16-week program where budding founders receive no-cost training, mentorship, seed funding, and office space to launch their own venture. The program is industry agnostic and supports all types of ventures from for-profit traditional enterprises to social enterprises, including not-for-profit, charity, co-operatives, and more.

Speakers: Throughout the program, one to three speakers are brought in each week to speak on a topic of interest that would be relevant for a group of aspiring entrepreneurs with diverse academic backgrounds and at various stages in their entrepreneurial journey. The DDQIC team is flexible and happy to work with you to determine what type of session you would like to host. Deadline: May 28.

Mentorship: As teams demonstrate progress on their venture, the DDQIC team will assign teams with one or two mentors. How often meetings occur, where they occur, and how they occur should be agreed upon between the team and the mentor. Deadline: May 28.

For more details, please contact chloe.beisheim@queensu.ca



Class of 2021 Letters- University Councillors are invited to help welcome the class of 2021 into the Alumni Association by **signing a welcome letter** (ie. Alissa, Artsci'09), **with a short but inspiring hand-written post-script** (ie. Congratulations and welcome to the Queen's alumni family). Letters (approx. 40-50) will be couriered to you for your signature and message. A postage-paid envelope will be provided to return the letters. In addition, a photo or video of yourself signing (wearing Tricolour) would be appreciated. Letters will be sent to 2021 Graduates with a journal, which will be packaged in a special keepsake box with a custom Queen's tartan scarf. Please share your commitment to this important project with terri.flindall@queensu.ca by **May 31st**. Thank you for helping welcome the Class of 2021 with a gift they will appreciate, and treasure, forever.



ASUS is planning a Scavenger Hunt for Orientation 2021 and needs your help! The scavenger hunt will take place August 30 to September 4 and will be spread out across several different locations/buildings on campus (or virtual pending Public Health guidelines). ASUS would like to invite Councillors to partake in a video (1-2 minutes) to be presented at each station, which may include presenting a clue for the next station, or sharing a fun anecdote relating to a location that is meaningful to them.

Please confirm your participation by May 31st to Terri.flindall@queensu.ca Following, Orientation Executives will send further details on video submissions, which will be due early August. Don't forget to wear your tricolour to show your Queen's spirit! Have questions? Please contact queensultimatescavengerhunt@gmail.com Open to all Councillors. To date, we'd like to thank **Greg Frankson, Alison Holt, and Marcus Wong** for volunteering.



ALUMNI MENTORSHIP AWARD
John Armitage, Sc'71

[2020 Recipient](#)

Nominations are Open for 2022 Alumni Awards!

Do you know someone who is a leader, supports their community, and deserves to be recognized? [Nominate](#) them for the Queen's University Alumni Association 2022 Gala Awards before **June 2, 2021**. If you'd like more information about awards and the nomination process, please email quaa.board@queensu.ca

Calling all Councillor Engineering alumni! Have you joined the [Queen's Global Engineering Network](#) (QGEN)? QGEN is a new platform our faculty has been using to help connect Queen's Engineers around the globe. You can meet potential employers, find a mentor, and even search for job postings! QGEN is a great way to grow your professional network and interact with others. [Join here](#), then send a message to someone you want to network with, search our job board, or connect with friends. Happy Networking!



[Grad Chat](#) – Learn more about Queen’s Graduate students. A 30-minute radio show (Tuesdays at 4 pm) featuring one to two graduate students each week. This is an opportunity for Queen’s grad students to showcase their research to the Queen’s and Kingston community and how it affects us. Grad Chat is a collaboration between the [School of Graduate Studies](#) and [CFRC 101.9FM](#)



The [Toronto Branch](#) of the [Queen’s University Alumni Association](#) encourages University Councillor participation in the following:

- April Quarterly meeting [Presentation](#) and [Minutes](#) for your reference.
- Connections, resources, and programs for the upcoming **Queen’s Alumni Mentorship Initiative**.
- **Want to get more involved?** Please [email](#) if you are interested in volunteering with the Branch.
- **Join our Mailing List!** If you do not receive the monthly e-newsletters, please [let us know](#).
- **Have something to share?** [Advise](#) if your organization, club, or chapter has anything they would like to share in our upcoming newsletters or correspondence.
- **Mark your Calendars! Monday, July 26 (6:30 pm)** for the next Quarterly Meeting.

Questions? Contact queenstoalumni@gmail.com

[Yellow House](#) is a safe, comfortable, and accountable space for queer, racialized, and marginalized students to create community, to feel empowered, to empower others, to celebrate and to honour their histories. They seek to engage students in initiatives that actively dismantle oppressive, racist, and colonial ideologies and practices. The Yellow House **Newsletter** is dedicated to empowering QTBIPOC students on campus with stories from the community, resources, and important updates. View the most recent newsletter [here](#). Join the Yellow House Newsletter [here](#). The newsletter features highlights from student clubs, Songs of Resilience, a [Yellow House](#) Playlist that was curated by counsellor E.L. Adams and inspired by their most recent Black Community Check Up. [Have a listen on their Spotify channel!](#) For more information, contact yellowhouse@queensu.ca



Oil Thigh: This combined song and dance is a distinctive Queen's tradition, performed at sporting events and most university occasions less formal than [convocations](#) (although spontaneous *Oil Thighs* have also been known to occur). It consists of the old song "Queen's College Colours," sung to the accompaniment of a low-kicking sort of can-can dance.

Feeling nostalgic? Experience Queen’s University every time your mobile phone rings with an [‘Oil Thigh’ ringtone](#).

FEATURED EVENTS – BE AN AMBASSADOR:

In light of COVID-19, in-person gatherings have been suspended, but online activities are still taking place! Check the calendar to review upcoming [Alumni events](#) or [Queen’s Events Calendar](#).



Spring Convocation: Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane confirmed that the Spring 2021 convocation ceremonies will not be hosted in-person, due to the ongoing pandemic and the effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. Alternate graduation events to be hosted by the university and faculties are currently being planned. Convocation is a capstone event for Queen's graduates and Principal Deane restated the university's commitment to holding in-person ceremonies for all 2021 and 2020 graduating students soon as it is safe to do so, with the necessary precautions. Updates can also be found on the [Office of the University Registrar's website](#). But don't hesitate to go on social media to congratulate our recent grads and welcome them into the [Alumni Association](#).

Also note, alumni can [order transcripts](#), [replace a diploma](#), [replace a Tricolour Yearbook](#), and [order a Queen's diploma frame](#) (they also make great gifts for your graduating student).



May – Leave a Legacy Month - Through a planned gift, you can achieve your philanthropic goals - supporting causes you care about - while minimizing tax implications and maximizing other financial benefits.

Planned gifts can be arranged through various means:

- [Bequests](#)
- [Stock and Securities](#)
- [Life Insurance](#)
- [Registered Funds \(RRSPs and RRIFs\)](#)
- [Trusts](#)
- [Gifts of Property or goods \(gifts in kind\)](#)

Learn more about [Gift Planning](#), or contact the [Gift Planning team](#) to explore options that meet your personal philanthropic and financial objectives.



The first week of May is **Hunger Awareness Week**: At Queen's, [the AMS Food Bank](#) serves as a confidential and non-judgmental food service to ensure that Queen's students can be healthy and productive as they pursue academic achievement. They are a non-profit organization which aims to provide clients with food services in the most comfortable environment possible. They operate mainly on [donations](#) as well as an opt-outable student fee from both the AMS and the Society for Graduate and Professional Students. As a non-profit organization, they aim for funds to be put towards the upkeep of the Food Bank itself in the purchasing of fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, and other items on a weekly basis. The Centre also works closely with other relevant organizations in the Queen's and Kingston community. For more information, contact foodbank@ams.queensu.ca



May 1-16 – [Science Rendezvous](#) - Celebrate Kingston-area science & scientists by participating in this year’s virtual Science Discovery Centre! Meet and talk to scientists, engage in scientific experiments, and learn about the excitement and possibilities of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This event is free and family-oriented.

Check out and share the calendar at a glance. **Lynda Colgan** (Education) shares a preview of the 10th anniversary of the Science Rendezvous with [Global News Kingston](#). And, for more information, contact Kim Garrett at community.outreach@queensu.ca.

May 18 (6-7 pm) – [Payments Modernization & Open Banking](#): The future of financial services is open banking. This new model, often described as “consumer-led” banking, puts individuals in charge of their own financial data, unlocking value for consumers and allowing for a more efficient and tailored provision of financial services. Join our panel of experts as they share thoughts on the underlying technology, opportunities, and potential pitfalls of this new approach. Together, they’ll discuss the consumer benefits of a modernized payments system, including increased industry competition, lower costs and the potential for product and service innovation. Can't make it? [Register](#) anyway and you will receive a copy of the event recording.



May 20 (1-2 pm) –Adaptive Leadership: Getting the Best Out of People at Work

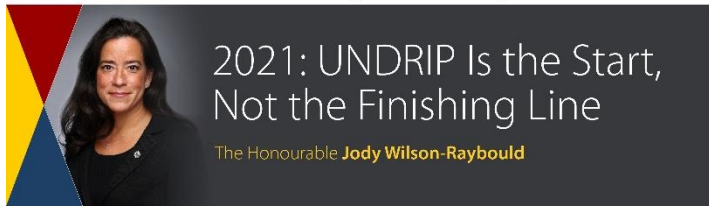
Why do we, as leaders, connect so easily with some people at work and not with others? How can we create stronger bonds with everyone to make our teams more successful? After all, each individual—employee, colleague or leader—is unique, based on upbringing, education, and personal and professional experiences.

Adaptive leadership allows you to effectively translate your team's cultural differences into collective strength. This webinar will be of particular interest to leaders and team members wanting to foster respect, growth and success within their diverse customer, employee or partner bases. **Smith Business Insights Free Webinar – [Register here](#).**



[The Office of Indigenous Initiatives](#) invites University Councillors to the upcoming Elder Meet & Greet sessions, which feature topics on Indigenous teachings and knowledge. The sessions will be held **every second Thursday from 12:00PM-1:00PM on Zoom**. [Register Here](#). Questions? Please contact indigenous.initiatives@queensu.ca

- May 20, 2021 – Stages of Life
 - June 3, 2021 - Indigenous History Month and Implementing our ways into today’s lifestyle.
 - June 17, 2021: Treaties & Leadership, and Power & Peace
 - July 8, 2021: Relationship Teachings
 - July 22, 2021: Indigenous Innovation & Technology & Social Impacts
 - Aug. 5, 2021: Spirit of Healing & Medicines
 - Aug 19, 2021: Feasting & Foods & Harvesting
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May 19, 2021 (4:30 PM EDT)

2021: UNDRIP Is the Start, Not the Finishing Line
The Honourable **Jody Wilson-Raybould**, P.C., Q.C., M.P. (Puglaas) – Canada's first Indigenous Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Canada's first elected female Independent Member of Parliament

has been a leader among Indigenous peoples advocating for the proper recognition and implementation of Indigenous rights. Despite political rhetoric that promises change, and some incremental progress, the fact remains that this transformative change is yet to happen. Why do governments struggle to effect true reconciliation? Why has this urgently needed change been so slow in coming? What should governments, Indigenous peoples, and the public be doing today to drive forward the real change that is needed? What role can the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples play in this work? Hear her answer these questions, and others, while sharing insights from her unique experience as an Indigenous and Canadian politician and leader.



FREE event.

Registration is required. [Register here](#) or click the [Live Stream](#) image.

May 24 -Victoria Day – University closed.

May 25 (12-1pm) -[Be Inspired to Change the World with Data](#): Data enthusiasts can make a difference by volunteering their skills and passion for data and analytics for the greater good. The Data for Good movement has become increasingly popular and many organizations, software companies and educational institutions are leading, sponsoring, or participating in projects. Attend this session to learn about Data for Good and how organizations are leading the way to use data to help non-profit organizations effect change around the world. [Register here](#).



May 29 (3-4:30 pm) – [Agnes Fieldnotes](#): Join the Agnes for Neven Lochhead's exhibition [From the vibe out](#), as the artist presents Fieldnotes: a live event hybrid that merges artist talk, performance and workshop components. Complimentary. [Register](#) now. Event contact: aeac@queensu.ca

September – [Principal shares plan for fall term planning](#) And, check out other [COVID-19 updates](#) from the University.



June 10, 2021 (7-9 pm) – The [Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award](#) and induction in the Tricolour Society is the highest tribute that can be paid to a student for valuable and distinguished service to the University in non-athletic, extra-curricular activities.

University Councillors are invited to [register](#) for this virtual celebration to honour the following students and their amazing accomplishments.

2020 Inductees:

Beatrice Hur, Artsci'20
Jared den Otter, Artsci'20
Chayce Perkins, Artsci'20
Liam Tharp, Sc'19

2021 Inductees:

Jodi Basch, Con.Ed.'16, PhD'22
Shoshannah Bennett-Dwara, Artsci'21
Catherine Haba, Artsci'22
Nicole Osayande, Cmp'21
Michaela Patterson, NSc'21
Kelly Weiling Zou, Com'21

November 5, 2021: Save the date for the [Distinguished Service Awards](#) presentation. Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions.

November 6, 2021: Save the date for the **University Council AGM** (dependent on term lengths found [here](#)).

STUDENT PROFILE:



[Queen's Bands](#) represents the spirit, traditions, and Scottish heritage of Queen's University through performances on campus and in the community. Their goal is to promote school spirit and create a sense of belonging among students, alumni, and members of the greater community.

Started in 1905, Queen's Bands is the largest and oldest student-run marching band in Canada. During COVID, Queen's Bands have welcomed 25 new members, and hosted virtual practices (Want to learn the [Highland Dance Four-Step?](#)), performances, and socials ([2021 Robbie Burns](#)). But, they hoping to return to live performances, supporting our [Gaels Football team](#), performing at [alumni events](#), and [holiday parades](#). And, who doesn't miss the [Oil Thigh?](#)





Queen's mascot, [Boo Hoo the bear](#), was a real bear in 1922. Boo Hoo reappeared in 1980 as a human in a bear suit to help cheer on the Gaels. For more info, please contact the Rob Hughes, Operations Manager bands@clubs.queensu.ca or Maddie Bongard, Alumni and External Relations Director externalalumni.bands@clubs.queensu.ca.

Thanks to University Councillor and Queen's Bands alumnus **Marcus Wong** for this photo of a studios Boo Hoo!

Consider [donating to Queen's Bands](#), or please contact fundraising.bands@clubs.queensu.ca

And, connect with Queen's Bands on:



DID YOU KNOW?



[Beamish-Munro Hall](#), located at the corner of [Union Street](#) and Division Street, is named in honour of the families of Robert Beamish (Sci'60) and Donald Munro (Sci'52). It is the home of the Integrated Learning Centre and [Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science](#).

The building opened in **May** 2004, and in 2005 it was selected as one of the most environmentally advanced buildings in Canada. This recognition by the Sustainable Buildings '05 Canadian Team was part of the fourth International Green Building Challenge

(GBC) 2005. Beamish-Munro Hall is a student-oriented building, designed in collaboration with students.

In keeping with the integrated learning component for engineering students, this 'live building' serves as a resource to broaden awareness of green building design and environmental sustainability. The facility itself is instrumented as a working laboratory – where students can see structural elements of the building that are usually hidden and monitor systems like air quality, heating, lighting, and cooling using specially designed software – showing how sustainable practices can be incorporated into building design. It also boasts a design studio and a prototyping centre, group rooms, a multimedia facility, a site investigation facility, active learning centre and plazas or lab facilities.

Learn more about [Beamish-Munro Hall/Integrated Learning Centre](#).

QUEEN'S LINKS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED:

Subscribe and commit to sharing information through Queen's [Social Media](#)



COVID update: Look for the latest updates and more information on COVID-19 on this website.

- [Queen's Gazette](#)
- [Queen's Law Reports](#)
- [Inclusive Queen's](#)
- [Queen's Alumni Review](#)
- [Smith Magazine](#)
- [Viewbooks](#)
- [Queen's Quarterly](#)
- [The Complete Engineer](#)
- [Queen's Encyclopedia](#)

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