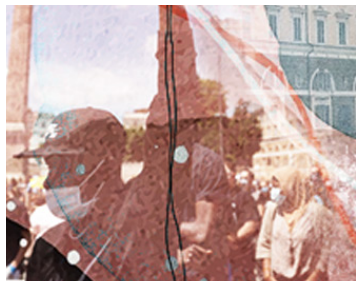




FASSEMBLY 2022

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DEAN'S MESSAGE



Peter Hall

*Dean, pro tem
Professor of Urban Studies
Faculty of Arts and Social
Sciences*

Meeting the Challenges

There is no denying it, 2021 was a challenging year for everyone in FASS.

We stop-started the year with fully remote spring and summer semesters. Eventually the rumblings of an in-person Fall semester became reality. In numerous ways, this was a joyous moment, but it was difficult for many. In the midst of all this, vacations, study leaves, research trips and conferences were deferred, and the faculty negotiated a leadership transition.

Yet throughout it all, we continued to accomplish our work the way we always do: with our best intentions, putting our training and intelligence to the test, with camaraderie and cooperation. We were each confronted with challenges, but our objective was to come together as a faculty, and I believe we did that.

In September, I encouraged us all to:

- *Successfully reopen the faculty for in-person teaching, research, and service.* I am grateful for everyone's commitment to making this happen.
- *Plan for an uncertain and likely constrained budget.* We are making the most of our limited resources, and I particularly want to thank Chairs, Directors, and Managers for all their work on this.
- *Collectively reflect on where we are heading as a faculty.* With everything else that has been going on, we have only just started to have the conversations and debates that will bring us together to reach new heights of excellence.

Our priorities remain our students and alumni, academic and community partners, held together by the glue that are our faculty and staff.

I thank you for coping through the pandemic and making the significant shift back to campus.

We have learned that there will never be a return to "normal," yet out of any faculty, FASS is strongly diverse. Our fields of expertise empower us to envision and build an inclusive, equitable, and scholarly future.

As I complete the final months as your *pro tem* Dean, I want to thank you all for your grace and professionalism. The incoming Dean has an incredible team in FASS's faculty and staff, and I am excited to see how the coming year unfolds.

Thank you all.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



GSWS 50th Anniversary

The Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies celebrated its 50th anniversary with the GSWS Reads Series, GSWS Acts Series, and President's Dream Colloquium: *From Conversations to Action: Creating from Social Justice Research*.



New Generation of Yukon First Nations Language Speakers

SFU's Indigenous Languages Program (INLP) honoured eight graduates of the language proficiency certificate and thirteen fluent speakers of Gwich'in, Hän, Kaska, Northern Tutchone, Southern Tutchone, Tagish, Lingít, and Upper Tanana, in a recognition ceremony on the territory of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation.



New Director, Global Asia

In the Spring of 2021, **Nadine Attewell** returned to her hometown of Vancouver to teach as an Associate Professor in Simon Fraser University's Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies as well as to direct the undergraduate Global Asia program.

FASS Leads the Way

FASS led SFU in delivering a range of courses in the new blended model and added an increasing diversity of high-quality and engaging online courses.



FASS Continues Forward

2021 was the second successful year offering FASS Forward microcredit courses in experiential and skill-based learning.

Developing Minds

FASS worked with SFU's Faculty of Education to run a fully online iteration of the annual Developing Minds Conference for secondary school teachers.

Looking Ahead

Approvals that will bring exciting changes in 2022:

- The full program proposal for a new Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Minor in Public Policy was completed and approved, and is now before the Ministry for review.
- The Notice of Intent for a new undergraduate program in Urban Communities and Society was approved by Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) and Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP).
- The Department of World Languages and Literatures standardized Spanish, Chinese, and German Studies certificates.
- The Department of Humanities received Senate approval for a name change to the Department of Global Humanities.
- English and World Languages and Literatures received approval for a Joint Major.

STUDENTS + ALUMNI

Governor General's Winners

Dr. Patricia I. Coburn, Psychology alumnus, was awarded both a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canada Doctoral Scholarship and the Governor General's Gold Medal for her research on adverse effects of cross-examination on children.



Jennifer Krentz, Psychology alumnus, was awarded the Governor General's Silver Medal for achieving the highest scholastic standing upon graduation from a bachelor's degree program.



Nisga'a Poet Jordan Abel Publishes NISHGA

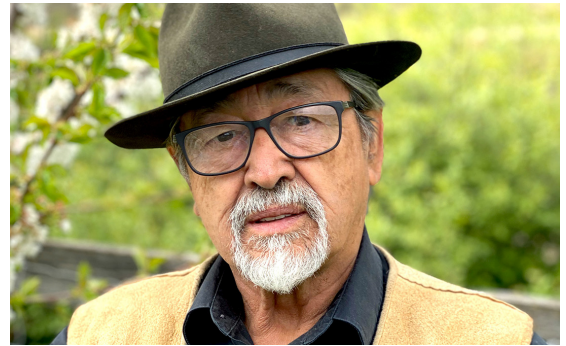


In his book entitled *NISHGA*, **Jordan Abel**, FASS alumnus with a PhD in English, employs photos, art, transcripts, and more to demonstrate and address intergenerational trauma within Indigenous communities.

NISHGA was listed in CBC's *Best Canadian Nonfiction of 2021*.

FASS students and alumni make Top 25 Under 25

Congratulations to **Carissa Konesky**, Psychology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies alumnus, **Harpo Mander**, Sociology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies alumnus, and **Gunreet Sethi**, a third-year undergraduate student, for being awarded the Surrey Board of Trade Top 25 Under 25.



Ron Ignace Appointed as First Commissioner of Indigenous Languages

Ron Ignace, former chief of the Skeetchestn Indian Band, acclaimed researcher, respected alum, and member of the SFU community, has been appointed the first Commissioner of Indigenous Languages.

The Office of the Commissioner strives to support the self-determined work of Indigenous peoples in reclaiming, revitalizing, maintaining and strengthening First Nations, Inuit and Métis languages.



A Passion for Social Justice and Advocacy

Anya Sass, a Political Science and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies undergrad, received the Rosemary Brown Undergraduate Award for Social Justice and the Professor Somjee Undergraduate Scholarship in Political Science for her academic achievements and volunteer work with refugee and asylum-seeking populations in Cape Town, South Africa.

RESEARCH

Robust research centres and institutes

FASS is the base for sixteen robust research centres and institutes, including the Bill Reid Centre for Northwest Coast Art Studies, Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies, and Gerontology Research Centre.

* All data is from fiscal year 2020-2021

Total Grants & Contracts

\$5,113,100

Tri-Agency Funding

\$2,792,400

65% funding success rate

International Funding

\$97,900

SSHRC Insight Grants

\$1,082,042

SSHRC Insight Development Grants

\$547,218

While the national success rate for SSHRC Insight Grants was 53%, FASS's success rate was an impressive 64%



Melek Ortabasi earns fellowship from the Japan Foundation

The Department of World Languages and Literatures is pleased to congratulate **Dr. Ortabasi** on earning a prestigious fellowship from the Japan Foundation for Japanese Studies research in Japan. The \$50,000 fellowship supports innovative research on Japanese culture with the aim of promoting Japanese culture overseas. This fellowship is granted annually to only a handful of Canadian recipients.

Five FASS faculty members among eleven SFU professors named to Royal Society of Canada

The Royal Society is one of Canada's highest academic honours. FASS is pleased to congratulate all new inductees on being named 2021 fellows:

- **Jasmina Arifovic** (Economics)
- **Catherine Dauvergne** (International Studies)
- **Murray Munro** (Linguistics)
- **Gerardo Otero** (International Studies)
- **Betty Schellenberg** (English)

Arts and Social Sciences Research Grants & Contracts (\$ 000)

	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
External sources	\$6,290.78	\$5,527.85	\$6,872.41	\$5,946.83	\$5,895.37
Internal sources	\$509.83	\$297.50	\$477.79	\$427.58	\$552.69
Total research grants & contracts	\$6,800.61	\$5,825.35	\$7,350.19	\$6,374.41	\$6,448.05
Percentage of tenure track faculty with grants	38.6%	40.2%	38.6%	37.5%	38.9%

FACULTY + STAFF



Lara Campbell wins the Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize

Dr. Lara Campbell (GSWS, HIST) won the Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia for her book *A Great Revolutionary Wave: Women and the Vote in British Columbia*. The \$2,500 prize is awarded by UBC Library and the Pacific BookWorld News Society.

Retirements



Dr. Catherine Murray, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies



Gladys We, Director, Marketing and Communications

New Continuing Faculty

- **Dawn Rault**, Criminology
- **Serena Canaan**, Economics
- **Pierre Mouganie**, Economics
- **Alys D. Avalos-Rivera**, English
- **Alessandra Capperdoni**, Humanities
- **Darren Byler**, International Studies
- **Evelyn Encalada Grez**, Labour Studies
- **Radoslav Dimitrov**, Political Science
- **Brianne Kent**, Psychology
- **Molly Cairncross**, Psychology
- **Sophie Borwein**, Public Policy
- **Maureen Kihika**, Sociology & Anthropology; Labour Studies
- **Kyle Willmott**, Sociology & Anthropology
- **Elena Caselli**, World Languages & Literatures
- **Chie Furukawa**, World Languages & Literatures
- **Vlad Vintila**, World Languages & Literatures

FASS Award Recipients



2021 FASS Dean's Medal

- **Jodi Viljoen**, Professor, Psychology
- **Nicolas Schmitt**, Professor, Economics
- **Jennifer Wong**, Associate Professor, Criminology

Employee Achievement Awards

Congratulations to all 2020-21 FASS Employee Achievement Award recipients! These awards recognize the dedication and hard work of FASS employees including staff, continuing faculty and temporary instructors. Due to the pandemic, these awards encompassed 2019-2021.

www.sfu.ca/fass/about/awards/employee-achievement-awards/award-winners.html

In Memoriam

We are greatly saddened to lose the following FASS faculty members in 2021.

Theodore (Ted) Cohn, Professor Emeritus, Political Science

Andrew Mack, Professor Emeritus, International Studies

Fang Quei Quo, Professor Emeritus, Political Science

Jerry Zaslove, Professor Emeritus, English

New Continuing Staff

- **Adriana Gonzalez Braniff**, Criminology
- **Yunxuan Pan**, Criminology
- **Carina Thanabadeepathara**, Economics
- **Tara Parsons**, English
- **Rebecca Armstrong**, History
- **Wallis Hartley**, Humanities
- **Erin Norman**, Humanities
- **Caylin Barrett**, International Studies
- **Nina Tomlinson**, Linguistics
- **Brian Chand**, Political Science
- **Esther Wong**, Sociology & Anthropology

2020-21 Cormack Teaching Award

- **Stephen Wright**, Professor, Psychology
- **Matthew Hussey**, Associate Professor, English
- **Emily O'Brien**, Associate Professor, History; Humanities
- **Henny Yeung**, Assistant Professor, Linguistics
- **Yuthika Girme**, Assistant Professor, Psychology
- **Matthew Sigal**, Lecturer, Psychology
- **Isobel Mayo-Harp**, Lecturer, World Languages & Literature

ENGAGEMENT + OUTREACH

FASS 2021 Recruitment and Outreach

FASS recruitment and outreach went virtual due to the pandemic and continued to provide future and current students and their parents/supporters with the opportunity to “sample” what FASS has to offer. This included virtual graduate student lectures (FASS in the Class), information sessions, and FASS presentations.

In 2021, Arts Central shifted to more scheduled classroom presentations for high school students and saw a significant increase in the number of sessions booked and total attendees.

<u>FASS virtual sessions</u>		<u>Session attendees by semester</u>	
e-Sampler	3	Spring	586
FASS in the Class	38	Summer	719
FASS Presentations	39	Fall	1,124
Student Recruitment & Admissions-led events	17	Total attendees	2,429
Total sessions	97		

10K+ views for FASS eLibrary

Many virtual sessions were recorded and can be viewed on the FASS e-Library. To date, we have 35 e-Library videos with over 10,000 combined views!

FASS in Surrey

FASS commissioned two reports from Dr. Noortje de Weers summarizing the current course offerings in Surrey. The reports also analysed how students who were part of the FASS One program were doing. Some of the results reveal:

- Participation in FASS One improves student CGPA in the first year
- FASS One students are considerably more likely to continue taking courses in Surrey after their first year
- Male students and those coming from areas geographically close to Surrey take a greater proportion of their courses at Surrey
- FASS One students are less likely to switch faculties compared to non-FASS One students
- Students who participate in FASS One are less likely to declare their major in the first year compared to non-FASS One students
- Being in a FASS One cohort significantly reduces the likelihood of ever being on academic probation, of needing to withdraw from SFU due to poor academic performance or of withdrawing from SFU voluntarily



Highlighting Black Histories

Beyond Black History Month, FASS hosts events throughout the year that span the disciplines, highlighting Black voices and experiences in the areas of history, art and culture, and contemporary politics.

FASS Advising Pilot

A partnership between FASS and Student Engagement & Retention (SER) started in September 2020 and has been extended to August 2022. Goals of the pilot:

- Create a sense of belonging by enhancing advisor-student connections
- Serve FASS admits as of Fall 2020 in more strategic and collaborative ways
- Shorten the wait time to connect with advisors, especially during peak times
- Support and empower students by walking them through basic “university language” and policies
- Reinforce teachings of University Prep by referring to modules and similar concepts
- Normalize group advising
- Clarify remote/online learning and explain asynchronous and synchronous teaching
- Take a proactive approach to support students by offering advising sessions to students earlier in the term

4,437

NEW FASS ADMITS * Fall 2020 - Fall 2021

ADVANCEMENT + BUDGET



Economics Department Celebrates 55th Anniversary

The Department of Economics resumed its 55th anniversary campaign in 2021. Thank you to all faculty and staff who joined alumni and donors in enhancing student support throughout the campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the department successfully launched the **Economics Student Leadership Fund** to support initiatives that create enriching educational experiences and transformative learning opportunities at SFU. With a matching donation from alumni **Kurt Wipp** (BA, 1991) and **Jennifer Thompson** (BA, 1989), the fund successfully raised a grand total of \$30,000.

Four new donor endowments were also established as a result of the campaign:

- The Shiva and Elizabeth Nanda Endowment Fund
- The Peter Kennedy Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship in Economics
- The Rob Scharff Memorial Bursary in Economics
- The Glenn Berg Enterprising Achiever Award in Economics

Lobstick Foundation Provides Legacy Funding to Indigenous Languages Program

Through a generous donation from the Lobstick Foundation, the **Dr. Aimee August Award in Indigenous Language Proficiency** and the **Dr. Ruby Peter Graduate Award in Indigenous Language Proficiency** have both been endowed. The Lobstick Foundation was created in order to provide opportunities for women to grow and develop their professional, educational, and entrepreneurial skills. These endowments enable Indigenous students to commit to the revitalization and research of Indigenous language.

Total raised in FASS Advancement*

\$4,182,755

* All data is from fiscal year 2021-2022



Retired Faculty Supports SFU though Planned Giving

Dr. Meredith Kimball, Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Department of Women's Studies (now the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies) and a long-term donor to SFU, has generously extended her support through additional bequeathed gifts to support the growth of feminist studies at SFU. The gifts allow deserving students of all genders to receive financial support and recognition through the Meredith Kimball Graduate Entrance Scholarship and the Grace Woodsworth MacInnis Graduate Scholarship.

<u>FASS Budget</u>	2020-21 (actual) (‘000s)	2021-22 (projected) (‘000s)
Community contracts (INLP)	134	405
Salary recovery	7,561	6,095
Salary increases	1,447	2,685
Faculty budget allocation	63,395	66,393
Revenue	72,537	75,578
CFL	39,900	42,802
Term faculty	4,618	3,759
Sessional	1,369	1,525
TA	5,187	5,369
APSA, CUPE, Temp	8,677	8,562
Benefits	10,352	11,060
Operating	1,410	2,079
Capital commitments (CFI and others)	832	1,019
Expenditures	72,345	76,175

2022/23 Strategic Priorities

- Welcome and orient new Dean of Arts and Social Sciences
- Continue strategic and contingency planning to deal with impacts of the pandemic
- Prioritize instruction by continuing faculty across the curriculum, and especially in core and foundational courses
- Work with faculty to examine and implement staffing models that will better serve the diverse programmatic, research, system and administrative needs of the faculty
- Develop a strategic plan for FASS Marketing and Communications, and enhance supporting infrastructure in this area
- Fill three endowed faculty positions: the Professorship in Indian Political Development (endowed by Professor Emeritus A.H. Somjee and Geeta Somjee), the Hellenic Canadian Congress of B.C. Chair in Hellenic Studies, and the J.S. Woodsworth Chair in the Humanities
- Launch FASS Teaching Assistant training pilot in Fall 2022

