



FASSEMBLY 2020



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What's going on in the world of FASS?



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RESEARCH

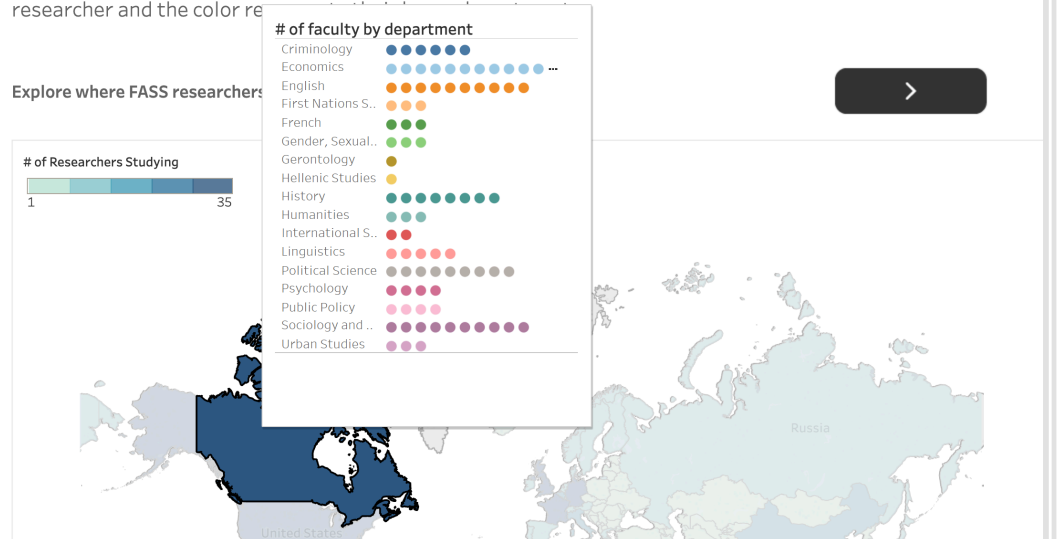
Faculty member resources

Research centres & institutes

Launching Spring 2020: Interactive visualizations that show the international scope of research in FASS, the range of topics, and collaborations both local and global, while making it easy to find faculty experts.

www.sfu.ca/fass/research

FASS research touches countries worldwide. Researchers from various departments study topics on nearly every continent. Explore the map by hovering over each country! The color of each country corresponds to how many researchers are interested in that country, and in the tooltip that pops up, each circle represents one researcher and the color re



RESEARCH + TEACHING



Recognizing Marianne Ignace

Marianne Ignace, is Director of the First Nations Language Centre and First Nations Languages Program, has been working to restore First Nations Languages for decades. In 2019, she received two major recognitions for her life's work which was conducted with the support of a 7-year \$2.5M SSHRC Partnership Grant to revitalize endangered languages. Co-investigators from Western Canada partnered with two dozen grassroots First Nations groups representing 12 Indigenous languages in this important venture. The two awards are:

- SSHRC Award Impact Award for Partnership, recognizing her intellectual leadership and community co-operation, and the impact she has made beyond the social sciences research community.
- Governor General's Award for Innovation with her husband, Chief Ronald Ignace

Recognitions and Research Awards

Tamir Moustafa, International Studies, received a Lasting Contribution Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association in recognition of his first book *The Struggle for Constitutional Power: Law, Politics, and Economic Development in Egypt*.

Two FASS faculty members were named among the eight SFU Distinguished Faculty Members in 2019:

- **Laurel Weldon**, Political Science. Weldon also received a Human Rights Book award for *The Logics of Gender Justice*.
- **Lara Aknin**, Psychology. Aknin also was a co-author of the UN's *World Happiness Report*.

The Centre for Imaginative Ethnography (CIE), a transnational independent research collective co-founded and co-curated by **Dara Culhane**, Sociology and Anthropology, received the prestigious American Anthropology Associate, General Anthropology Division's 2019 New Directions Group Award, in recognition of "work that presents anthropological perspectives to publics beyond the academy across diverse forms of media, with methodological rigor and ethical engagement."



The Times Higher Education World University Rankings placed SFU at 251-300 globally, 11th in Canada

Several subject areas in FASS exceeded the SFU global ranking:

- Social Sciences: 126-150th globally, 5th in Canada
- Arts and Humanities: 176-200 globally, 5th in Canada
- Economics and Business: 126-150 globally, 6th in Canada
- Psychology: 151-175 globally, 11th in Canada



First Nations Studies is Now Indigenous Studies

The renaming of First Nations Studies to **Indigenous Studies** was approved by Senate in January 2020.

President Andrew Petter commented at Senate: “One of the real joys in my term as President has been working to advance the work that First Nations Studies has challenged all of us to do — to better incorporate and recognize Indigenous knowledge, traditions and respect into our work. Thank you for leading us toward reconciliation.”



Creative Writing Awards

In 2019, **David Chariandy**, English, and author of the critically acclaimed *Soucouyant* and *Brother*, won the Windham-Campbell Prize of \$165,000 USD.

Stephen Collis received the Latner Writers’ Trust Poetry Prize of \$25,000. The prize honours a mid-career Canadian poet who has “mastered the art of poetry.”

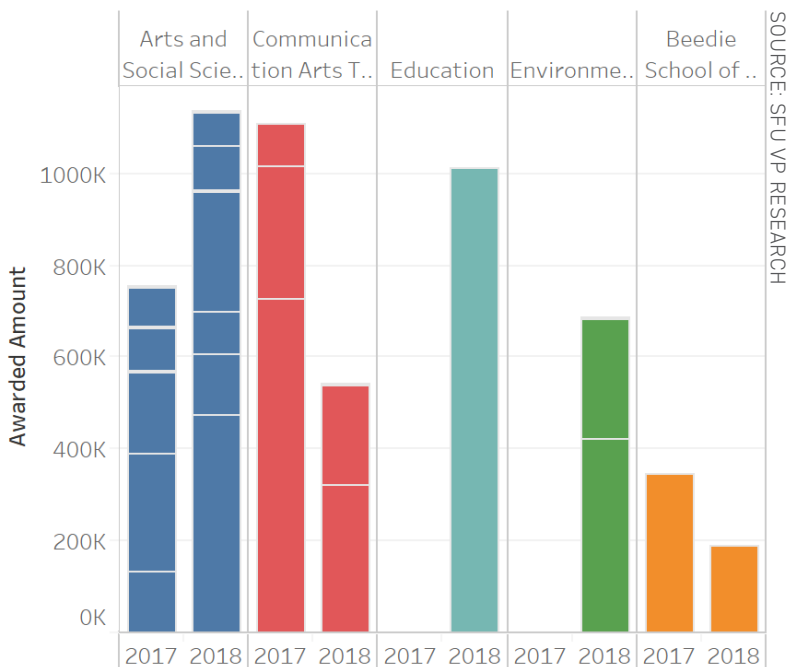
www.sfu.ca/english

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) is SFU’s oldest, largest and most diverse Faculty, and home to 30% of SFU’s →

SSHRC Success for FASS Faculty

In 2019, 13 FASS faculty members received SSHRC Insight (IG) and Insight Development (IDG) grants. FASS applicants have a 65% success rate in the IG competition, compared to the national rate of 45%. This builds on our success rates in 2017 and 2018.

SFU SSHRC Totals	2017	2018
Awarded Amount	\$2,203,083	\$3,561,562
Proposals Awarded	13	22
Submitted Applications	46	42
Success Rate	28%	52%



New Programs

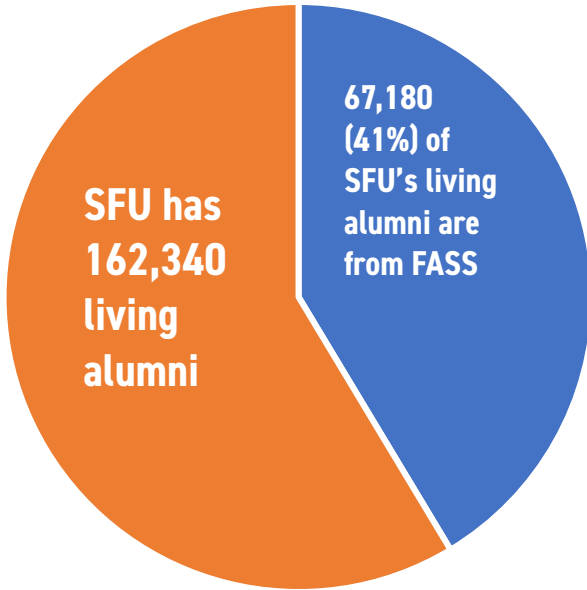
FASS units continue to be responsive to a changing world by developing programs that respond to current and future social needs.

Award winning creative writers and poets abound in the Department of English — that’s why they are delighted to launch a new **Minor in Creative Writing** in 2020.

A new **Minor in Social Data Analytics** will launch in Fall 2020. This partnership between Economics, Linguistics, Philosophy and Political Science will prepare students to collect, analyze and communicate social data.

The World Literature Program has merged with the Language Training Institute to become the **Department of World Languages and Literatures**. Global perspectives are essential for career success, and courses will include languages and literature to provide invaluable cultural insights.

STUDENTS + ALUMNI



CanLit Controversy
Alix Shield, English PhD student, discovered long-lost pages excised from *Halfbreed* by Métis author Maria Campbell. Campbell described being raped by RCMP officers as a 14 year old, and had been told that the pages had been destroyed by the publisher. Shield's discovery led to a reprint of *Halfbreed* in Fall 2019 by Penguin Random House Canada.

faculty and students. FASS researchers and students explore topics as diverse as foreign policy, women's writing, and sleep →

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Katherine Hanniball Receives Vanier Award

Katherine Hanniball, Psychology PhD student, received one of the 166 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships, valued at \$150,000.

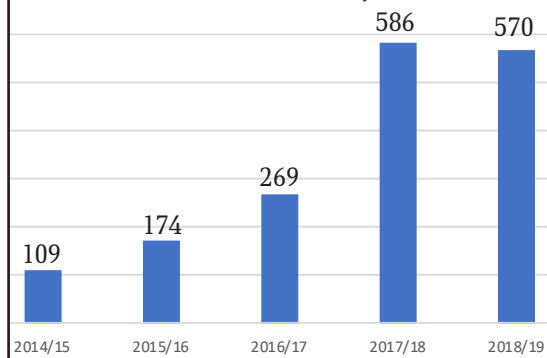
Hanniball's proposed research aims to advance the theoretical construct of psychopathy in the assessment of psychopathic personality disorder.



First Nations Languages Enrolment

The First Nations Language Program (FNLP) continues to work with Indigenous communities to recover and teach their languages. The first MA and Graduate Certificates in the Linguistics of a First Nations Language were awarded in 2019.

Undergraduate enrollment numbers for FNLP and LING courses administered by FNLP



2019 National Competition Winners

Kat Gallant, Jenna Quelch, Miriam Moore and Sarah Tremblay plus coach **Nancy Olewiler** took first place honours in the IPAC CAPPAC National Public Administration Student Case Competition. They were the fifth SFU team since 2012 to win this annual case competition, involving 14 policy and public administration schools from across Canada.



Michael Thorburn Wins Schwarzman Scholarship

Michael Thorburn, Political Science alumnus, is one of 145 Schwarzman scholars. After graduating from SFU, Thorburn became the first black editor of the *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*. He says, "To this day, I still remember classes I took with Alex Moens, David Laycock and Andrew Heard."

ENGAGEMENT + OUTREACH



Public Events Draw Crowds

In Fall 2019 alone, our units welcomed over 5,000 people to over 100 public events. We brought seniors groups and students together to imagine social “Gerohacks.” Famous Chinese performers Anthony Wong and Chapman To spoke about the Hong Kong resistance movement. Kenyan writer Ngūgī wa Thiong’o spoke powerfully about Afrocentrism to a sold-out venue.

patterns in Vanuatu. We build bridges from the academy to the community. We conduct respectful conversations that →



Jack and Doris Shadbolt Fellowship in the Humanities

The Jack and Doris Shadbolt Fellowship in the Humanities Program promotes the practices of, and approaches to, the humanities and arts—broadly conceived—as important sites of creative and critical engagement with the major concerns of our times.

FASS welcomed six Shadbolt Fellows for the 2019–20 academic year: **Carleigh Baker, Denielle Elliott, Lucia Lorenzi, Susan Mertens, Dylan Robinson and Keren Zaiontz.**

<http://www.sfu.ca/fass/shadbolt>



Developing Minds 2020 | CONFERENCE

Connect Creative with Critical Thinking
in the Classroom

Developing Minds

The Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will co-present a one-day conference on teaching critical thinking in B.C. secondary schools. This year’s conference is sold out for the third consecutive year.

www.sfu.ca/conferences/criticalthinking



Discover FASS: The On-Campus Experience

Discover FASS invites high school classes to visit campus and sit in on a lecture, to give the high school students a taste of university life and inspire them to apply to university.

- Total students in Fall 2019: 928 Grade 11 and Grade 12 students
- Offer: 36 100-level intro courses (Crim, Econ, Engl, GSWS, Hist, Hum, IS, Ling, Phil, POL, Psc, S&A)
- Burnaby: 7 scheduled visits with 451 high school students
- Surrey: 10 scheduled visits with 477 high school students
- Districts the schools are from: Surrey, Vancouver and Burnaby

FASS in the Class: The Off-Campus Experience

FASS in the Class sends FASS graduate students into high school classes to bring the curriculum to life with current research and fresh insights.

- Offer: 6 grad students invited into high school classrooms
- Number of organized visits: 26 scheduled (some visits are to present to multiple classes)
- Districts the schools are from: Surrey, Coquitlam, Richmond, Vancouver and Burnaby

www.sfu.ca/fass/community/high-school-visits.html

FACULTY + STAFF

Welcome New Continuing Faculty

New colleagues bring new ideas and collaborations. We warmly welcomed 17 new continuing faculty members in the last year:

- Criminology: **Alissa Greer, Tamara O'Doherty, Rylan Simpson**
- Economics: **Dongwoo Kim, Xiaoting Sun**
- Indigenous Studies: **Joyce Schneider**, Ucwalmicw Nation
- Indigenous Studies/Labour Studies: **Jeannie Morgan**, Nisga'a Nation
- Gerontology: **Theodore Cosco**
- Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies: **Vaibhav Saria**
- Hellenic Studies: **James Horncastle**
- Linguistics/Cognitive Science: **Margaret Grant**
- Philosophy: **Bruno Guindon**
- Political Science: **Clare McGovern**
- Psychology: **Ryan Fitzgerald**
- International Studies: **Jason Stearns**
- Urban Studies/Public Policy: **Yushu Zhu**
- World Languages and Literature: **Mark Deggan**



Jessie Williams appointed Director of Indigenous Relations

Jessie Williams, Skwxwú7mesh Nation, has been appointed as Director of Indigenous Relations, a new senior executive role which was enabled by Simon Fraser University's Aboriginal Strategic Initiative Fund. Williams will develop community partnerships, prepare a strategic plan for FASS to better serve its students, and help develop Indigenous student supports.

enable people to work together towards common goals. Our work is necessarily interdisciplinary, and we thrive in building →

6 FASS Associate Dean Portfolios Adjusted

In Fall 2019, we said farewell to Associate Dean **Rob Gordon**, Criminology, and welcomed **Peter Hall**, Urban Studies. Current Associate Deans and their portfolios:

- **Peter Hall**, Associate Dean, Strategic Academic Planning, Enrolment Planning and Management and Budget
- **Catherine Murray**, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programming, Learning and Teaching, Student Experience
- **Maite Taboada**, Acting Associate Dean, Research and International
- **Sean Zwagerman**, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Dean Jane Pulkingham is on study leave for the spring term. Lisa Shapiro, formerly Associate Dean, Research and International, is Acting Dean.

In Memoriam

We were greatly saddened to lose the following FASS faculty and staff in 2019.

- **James Dean**, Professor Emeritus, Economics
- **Ramazan "Ramo" Gençay**, Economics
- **Andre Gerolymatos**, Hellenic Studies
- **Sonja Luehrmann**, Sociology and Anthropology
- **Philip Omulo**, Economics
- **Zheng Wu**, Gerontology

FASS Faculty and Staff Award Recipients



Congratulations to our FASS award recipients (not all pictured above). Nominations open for 2020: www.sfu.ca/fass/awards.html

FASS Dean's Medals

- **Anke Kessler**, Professor, Economics
- **Grace Iarocci**, Professor, Psychology
- **Jennifer Spear**, Associate Professor, Department Chair, History

Cormack Teaching Awards

- **Danielle Murdoch**, Lecturer, Criminology
- **Nicolas Fillion**, Assistant Professor, Philosophy
- **Panos Pappas**, Associate Professor, Linguistics
- **Marianne Ignace**, Professor, Linguistics/Indigenous Studies

FASS Employee Achievement Awards

- Individual work performance: **Eliza So**, Political Science
- Lifetime contributions: **Malcolm Toms**, Network Operations, FASS
- TA: **Anthony Nguyen**, Philosophy
- Sessional: **Nicole Muir**, Psychology
- Limited term: **Mark Deggan**, World Languages and Literature

THE NUMBERS

FASS Budget	2018–19 (actual) ('000s)	2019–20 (projected) ('000s)
Community contracts (FNLP)	243	533
Salary recovery - internal	6,799	7,017
Faculty budget allocation	57,770	61,857
Revenue	64,812	69,407
CFL	36,695	37,502
Term faculty	3,479	4,089
Sessional	1,707	1,577
TA	4,686	4,801
APSA, CUPE	6,553	7,031
Benefits	8,232	9,529
Operating	3,015	3,185
People's House Contribution	1,000	-
Capital commitments (CFI and others)	-	1,700
Expenditures	65,368	69,414



Paying it Forward

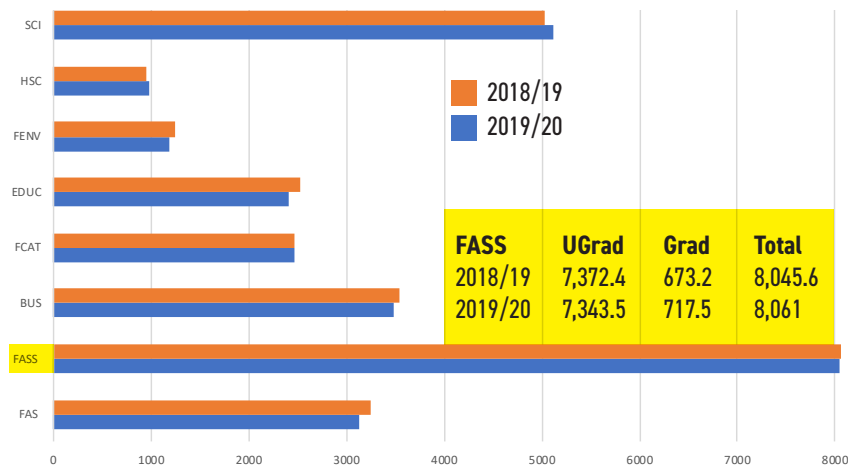
When **Brian Burtch** retired from Criminology in 2015, he established the Brian Burtch Graduate Award to provide recognition and funding to an outstanding graduate student in Criminology.

Christine Neudecker, the inaugural recipient, faced financial and personal challenges and was grateful for the award. She is now a PhD student in Criminal Justice at Rutgers University.

connections that help our citizens stay informed and better understand the human experience. *Nous sommes prêts.*

Enrollment Trends

FASS continues to enroll most SFU students. The chart below compares undergraduate and graduate student enrollments in all SFU Faculties for 2018/19 and 2019/20.



2020/21 Priorities for FASS

As SFU's largest Faculty, FASS is involved in a large number of projects and academic transitions. Some of our priorities for the next year:

- Undergraduate academic programming: Continue transition from CODE to C900 courses; further strengthen FASSONE at Surrey; consolidate unit repositioning by integrating Hellenic Studies into Humanities; transition SFUNOW from Lifelong Learning, while integrating online, blended, and non-traditional course delivery; develop Minor in First Nations Languages and joint Major in Indigenous Studies and History.
- Graduate Programs: Improve TA training; expand support for international TAs; finalize double MA in Applied Security and International Policy with University of Bath
- Endowment stewardship, including strategic planning for the Bill Reid Centre, Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies, and J.S. Woodsworth Chair in Humanities

New Endowments and Gifts

In 2018/19, FASS raised \$4.4M in new funds. New endowments included:

- Eric Burkle Scholarship in Political Science
- Dr. Grazia Merler Scholarship in French or Italian
- Eric Sangwine European Studies Graduate Scholarship in History
- Rob Scharff Memorial Bursary in Economics
- Stephen and Karen Sharlow Criminology Co-op Awards



Malcolm Toms Tech Grant

Malcolm Toms retires in 2020 after a 39-year career at SFU. His retirement party will be in March. In lieu of gifts, he has requested a donation to the Malcolm Toms Tech Grant Fund. Proceeds from this fund will help FASS students acquire the technology they need to pursue their studies.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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CANADA'S TOP
COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY¹

11,165

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS²

868

GRADUATE STUDENTS²

292

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FACULTY

#5

RANKED IN CANADA³

29

DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS

1,200

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
FOR A WORLD OF CHOICE

26

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

67,932

TOTAL FASS ALUMNI

42%

OF TOTAL SFU ALUMNI

300

CO-OP PLACEMENTS
ANNUALLY

95%

OF ALUMNI SATISFIED OR
VERY SATISFIED⁴