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SASAH Newsletter

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Every Child Matters



Designed by Shana Elijah of Oneida Nation of the Thames

We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching, research and community service.

Upcoming Events

SASAH SPEAKERS' SERIES

Summer Bressette
Land-based Storytelling

Western  Arts & Humanities



SASAH Speakers' Series – Summer Bressette

Thursday, 2nd December, 4:30PM | Register [here](#)

Summer Bressette is Anishinaabe from Kettle and Stony Point First Nation – She is strongly rooted in her family and community stories and has worked as an artist/storyteller for nearly ten years. She completed her Masters degree in Indigenous Education at Western University in 2013 and in 2015 she was an invited presenter to the 7th Annual Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Conference in New Zealand.

Summer is an educator, curator and new playwright. Her first play “Love Song for the Thunderbirds” debuted at the Grand Theatre in October 2021. She co-curated an exhibit for Museum London, "Gaawiin Ogiibagidenaawaasiwaawan / They Did Not Let It Go, which was also presented at the Lambton Heritage Museum with the title “Nnigiwemin – We Are Going Home”, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Ipperwash Crisis. Summer currently works at the London Arts Council as a Curator of Indigenous Programming.

Summer is excited to share her love of storytelling and inspire others to follow their curiosity. For Summer, storytelling is a way to connect with community and build kinship, to decolonize education, and to centre Indigenous ways of doing and seeing.

Scholarship and Award Winners

Congratulations are in order to these wonderful SASAH students whose great achievements have been recognized with scholarships and awards in Fall 2021.

- Julia Albert
- Reese Berlin Bromstein
- Gray Brogden
- Matthew Dawkins
- Bridget Koza
- Joyce Leung
- Alex Rozenberg
- Celine Tsang
- Cole Van der Velden

4th Year Experiential Learning Presentations, Fall 2021

Seven 4th Year students successfully made their EL presentations on Friday, 26 November! Congratulations and many thanks to **Julia Albert, Harsh Patankar, Andrew Fullerton, Jamie Scoler, Evalyn Watson, and Denise Zhu** for presenting on their unique learning experiences. We'd also like to extend a special thanks to Experiential Learning Coordinator Dr. Barbara Bruce!

Things To Do This December

End of Term is here!

SASAH Come-and-Go Event

For its holiday event this year, SASAH will be hosting a "come-and-go" event, where all SASAH students are encouraged to drop by the SASAH office between 2 and 4PM on December 9, for some holiday cheer, good wishes, and a little goodie basket too!

Students will also be able to participate in a fun contest for a chance to win a \$25 Bookstore giftcard!



December 9 / 2PM-4PM / SASAH Office, Stevenson 3122



GardenShip and State
Museum London
Oct. 7 to Jan. 23, 2022



In case you haven't visited this exhibition at Museum London yet...

Curated by Jeff Thomas and Patrick Mahon (of SASAH fame!), GardenShip and State asks: how can we work together, and create together as a global community to restore the planet – while respecting differences, and seeking to repair divisions and address injustices brought about by colonialism?

The 4th Year Capstone Seminar class went to the exhibition this term for their class, "Defining Beauty". Here are some photos!



In Other News: Good To Think With, a SASAH Podcast!



Pictured: 4th year student Andrew Fullerton, with Program Coordinator Dr. Jonathan Vickers

“Good To Think With” is a series of podcasts where a SASAH student and Program Coordinator/resident pop culture enthusiast Dr. Jonathan Vickers have a thoughtful conversation about something from popular culture or life in general, in a sort of ‘soft scholarship’ discussion.

Every episode will feature a different student, and a different item of pop culture, analyzed, critiqued, or interpreted from an Arts and Humanities lens.

The first episode of the series features 4th Year student Andrew Fullerton, and pictured above, the pair discusses Star Wars, Arthurian poetry, and much more. More on the episode release soon!

Students with questions or those interested in participating in this project are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Vickers. A list of potential topics has been included in an email sent to all SASAH students!

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Other Information:

- The Faculty of Arts and Humanities Social Media Directory can be found [here](#). Follow us on Instagram @westernusasah!
- All other Faculties’ contact information can be found [here](#).
- Counsellors and staff at [Learning Development and Success](#) offer resources and supports to students to help them identify their learning strengths and strategies to alleviate academic stress. You can even check out the Peer Assisted Learning Centre’s website [here](#).
- For queries regarding course registration, tuition, or official documentation, you can reach out to the [Office of the Registrar](#) via their [Virtual Helpline form](#) or their [Western Chat](#).

Resources for Students

Mental Health Resources

- CMHA Virtual After-Hours Crisis Counselling
 - October 4 to December 8, every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
 - Appointments are available from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Registration ends at 8:00 p.m. Students can email studentcrisisappointment@cmhamiddlesex.ca to schedule a same-day appointment.
 - This free, confidential service is offered by Canadian Mental Health Association counsellors. Student must live in Ontario, be a Western student and be able to connect via internet or telephone
- Mental Health Support offered by [Western Health and Wellness](#)
- If you live in [residence](#), you can also contact your Residence Don, Front Desk, or Residence Life Coordinator for access to confidential services.
- Good2Talk Post-secondary Student Helpline: call +1 (866) 925-5454 (available 24/7)

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Resources

- Gender-based Violence and Survivor Support Case Manager Tamara Will: (519) 661-3568 or support@uwo.ca
 - [St. Joseph's Health Care Sexual Assault Treatment Program](#) (519) 646-6100 x64224
 - Anova's (a community-based organization) 24-hour Crisis and Support Line (519) 642-3000 or 1-800-265-1576
 - You can reach Western's Special Constable Service at (519)-661-3300 or wscs@uwo.ca
 - [Disclosure of Gender-Based and Sexual Violence](#)
 - In an emergency, call 911 or [St. Joseph's Health Care Sexual Assault Treatment Program](#) at (519) 646-6100 x64224.
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