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Augustana alumnus Carson Roche ('18) performing the game "One-Hand Reach"—which originated with the Inuvialuit people—as part of the Northern Games.  
*See page 6 for full story on Carson's work after graduation.*

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## FAVOURITE PAST EVENTS



April 30: Lunch & Learn Treaty Talk—Sharing the River of Life



October 16: Ryan Lindsay Album Release Concert



September 19: Alumni Awards with recipient Brian Wildcat



October 2: Lunch & Learn How the West Was Won?



August 25: Alumni Day of Service



April 3: Last Lecture with Paul "Sparky" Johnson



October 10: ASSET Tea Party on World Mental Health Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 8

Alumni Christmas Reception and Concert

FEB 6

Alumni Career Mixer

APR 1

Last Lecture

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## AUGUSTANA'S NEW DEAN, DEMETRES TRYPHONOPOULOS



It is difficult for me to fathom that the fall term is coming to a close. Since our arrival in July, my wife, Litsa, and I have been the recipients of the warm hospitality extended to us by both Augustana and also the wider Camrose community. Our excitement about being in Camrose and a part of the University of Alberta and our appreciation for this wonderful welcome continue to grow as we enjoy meeting more individuals and learning more about the institution's and the community's past and recent history and traditions.

As you may expect, I have been on a steep learning curve, working diligently in order to get to know my colleagues

at Augustana and to learn about the innovative, interdisciplinary and novel range of programs we offer. As an undergraduate liberal arts and sciences campus, Augustana is as singular as it is distinct. It is clear to me that over its long history Augustana has come to enjoy a place of pride in Camrose and the surrounding community as well as, more recently, within the University of Alberta. This is a history worth preserving and a reputation worth celebrating!

I am excited to share with you that we, as a Faculty, have begun the process of updating our Strategic Academic Plan. This comprehensive assessment by a team of

fellow academics and staff will ensure that we have a clear plan about what we need to do to shape our institution's future and to achieve our ambitious goals.

We continue to focus on further developing our innovative programming and on improving our facilities in order to continue to provide an excellent student experience. We strive towards optimal teaching and learning environments. A number of innovations and changes undertaken and implemented over the past few years have significantly improved programs, student training, student opportunities and classroom and lab spaces, moving us closer to our goals to ensure an excellent undergraduate student experience. Nonetheless, much also remains to be done—and I hope to contribute to making Augustana even stronger and more appealing to students across Alberta, Canada and the world.

Augustana, therefore, strives to foster equitable learning environments in which all students can achieve their full potential. Our clear commitment to integrating research, theory and practice across all disciplines and programs makes possible the empowerment of all students so that they may thrive.

This year we have students from 169 Alberta communities, nine Canadian provinces and territories and many countries from three continents. Moreover, 6% of our student population are Indigenous and nearly 18% are international students. Indeed, our student population is quite diverse (more so than in any other point in our history), offering us the opportunity to view the world through local, Indigenous and global lenses. This variety of perspectives (shared by our faculty and staff) is as enriching as it is edifying. Indeed, diversity is part of our

programming and part of our vision and future.

One specific, very exciting example of the Augustana we are shaping is the new Hesje Observatory at the Augustana Miquelon Lake Research Station, which is nearing completion and will allow a new array of opportunities for students. Another idea we would like to pursue is the creation of a Centre of Excellence in Rural Health and Wellness designed to bring together our Bachelor of Science, Nursing-After Degree; the Master of Science in Physical Therapy; and the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities.

The "100 Days of Listening" campaign has come to a close, but I am still eager to hear your questions and benefit from your advice ([aug100days@ualberta.ca](mailto:aug100days@ualberta.ca)). I appreciate your support for Augustana as well as the warm welcome extended to me personally and to my spouse. Please continue to reach out to me with your suggestions and questions. I look forward to meeting more Augustana supporters, champions of what we stand for and alumni.

I hope you will have an opportunity to join us during the coming year and participate in some of our remarkable programs and events. Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in our Faculty and Campus.

Best wishes for the New Year,

**Demetres P. Tryphonopoulos, PhD**  
Dean, Augustana Faculty,  
University of Alberta

To learn more about Dean Tryphonopoulos and to go behind the name, read his profile at [aug.ualberta.ca/newdean](http://aug.ualberta.ca/newdean)





Students in Judy Liao's "Women in Sport" class chose a forgotten female athlete to base their final project around, and got the chance to present their posters to the wider campus community.



Although it may seem counter-intuitive to take an entire art class in just three weeks, students loved the immersive experience it offered (though they also admitted that it was a lot of work!).

Students in a First Year Seminar titled "Rise of the Machines" learned about the role of automation in technology and society, and created their own robotic projects.



Professor Geoff Dipple's "First Beer Seminar" allowed students to think critically about alcohol in the context of mental health and addiction, history and even chemistry as they helped brew a batch of beer themselves.

To learn more about Geoff Dipple's First Year Seminar and the idea behind our innovative calendar, visit [aug.ualberta.ca/innovativecourses](http://aug.ualberta.ca/innovativecourses)



Students, faculty and staff gather every February for a rainbow photo to show support during Pride Week.



Augustana celebrated the annual Kick'N Country Parade in August with a newly renovated Viking ship!



This past spring, Augustana permanently welcomed Stewart Steinhauer's *Treaty Bear* to campus thanks to a group of donors: Allen and Becky Berger, John and Treva Olson, Lawrence and Margaret Rathnavalu, Don and Chris Rebus and Jack and Jane Ross



Every year, Augustana begins the fall semester with an opening convocation ceremony followed by the ringing of our centenary bell sculpture.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE-LEARNING PLACEMENTS ALLOW STUDENTS TO CONNECT WITH AND THE CAMROSE COMMUNITY

By Melissa Wilk

The impacts of Community Service-Learning (CSL) students are far-reaching, in the words of the Camrose Women's Shelter's Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer Page.

"Not only are students bringing in new ideas and new strategies to enrich lives, but they are also bringing in their enthusiasm and contributing to a great cause in assisting others in their time of need," says Jennifer.

One of these students is Jaden De Wall, a fourth-year psychology major who has been working extensively with the Camrose Women's Shelter.

Jaden started getting involved in CSL in her first year and has finished many placements both on campus and in the community. "I've had the chance to learn about the community that I live in and to see the invaluable relationship between Augustana and Camrose," says Jaden.

Now taking CSL480, a senior level specialized course that allows students to complete 50-hour CSL placements, Jaden is working with the Camrose Women's Shelter for the second time. Jaden's current project is focused on writing a policy for volunteers to help them become more trauma-informed and to better understand the social issues that the shelter seeks to combat.

Jennifer says she hopes to see CSL students learn new things about society: "I hope that students take away an increased understanding of social and cultural diversity, an increased awareness of their community and community needs and an increased knowledge of where they fit in to solve real-world problems."

For Jaden, working with the shelter has given her many new insights. "It's been amazing to observe the connections across disciplines. This placement has combined my interests, the academic side and the real world," says Jaden. "I now understand and have experienced



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how things like sociology and psychology connect to domestic abuse and other women's issues."

Jaden also points out that the CSL program has given her an opportunity to critically reflect on her volunteer placements. "We learned about how experiences are opportunities to wonder and explore, but without reflection they are useless," says Jaden. "Being in CSL has given me the chance to reflect deeply on my experiences in these placements, which has been helpful for my learning and development as a student."

Jennifer says that the shelter benefits from Augustana students spending time and creating projects for the betterment of women and children.

"Just seeing the smiles on the children's faces and knowing the children are truly gaining in all aspects—mentally, emotionally and developmentally—is proof enough to know the CSL students make a huge impact," says Jennifer.



**CARSON ROCHE**  
BA Physical Education '18

Carson Roche, from the community of Deline, NT—accessible only by air or ice roads—came to Augustana Campus in the fall of 2013. After years of harbouring the ambition to pursue the field of sport, with an interest in sharing sport with indigenous youth, Carson began a course of study that would allow his dream to reach fruition.

Despite formerly playing soccer and hockey, Carson found himself on the Vikings' soccer, volleyball and golf teams over the course of his degree. In fact, Carson placed second at the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) Championships for golf in his last year, taking him to nationals. Through his travels with the Vikings, his work as the Indigenous Student Representative on the Augustana

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Profile by Nancy Killen

Students' Association and his connections with professors and peers, Carson feels he was able to take advantage of all Augustana had to offer.

Carson also cites that Augustana gave him the skills and experience to excel as a Community Coordinator for the Aboriginal Sports Circle of the Northwest Territories. Through his work with this non-profit organization, he shares his goal of furthering the development of Indigenous culture through sport and athletics. Carson's vision is to revitalize the use of traditional games by responding to requests from many remote communities for his active teaching experiences. To make his goals a reality, he travels extensively throughout the territory to teach Dene, Inuit and other traditional games. At times, weather or distance can add unexpected costs and extensions to his schedule. One must be prepared for the possibility of a blizzard spontaneously causing a two-week delay; however, when Carson witnesses students learning the cultural relevance behind the games he shares, he is rewarded for all of his efforts.

Carson believes in the potential of northern Indigenous youth. “Coming from Deline where I was the sole graduate in my year to attend post-secondary school and the first to play a sport at the collegiate level, I feel a sense of responsibility. I want to give back to the communities. There are a lot of opportunities for Indigenous youth to excel and go further with education. I do what I do because I want the youth to know that it is possible.”

Since graduating, northern youth have benefitted from Carson's devotion and will continue to find promise in his passion, experience and teaching.

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Profile by Nancy Killen

After graduating from Augustana Campus in 2002 with a bachelor of arts in psychology—and with a minor in women's studies—Jenny's journey was just beginning. Jenny continued her studies, completing her Master of Social Work (Clinical) at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in 2006. By 2011, she had become the fourth person in Canada to be accredited in the Social Return on Investment Model of Evaluation: “an evaluation methodology that translates social and health outcomes into financial values.”

Jenny began her career in Calgary as a Clinical Therapist on the Calgary Sexual Assault Response Team. In collaboration with the Calgary Police and Crown, she was key in developing a program to support survivors of sexual violence through the criminal justice system. Through her various associations with medical health, mental health and Children's Services systems, Jenny noted that survivors did not feel these services were working together to achieve a common goal. Jenny envisioned delivering a fully integrated system that would see all service providers privy to the others' methods, so that mutual communications and integration could become fluid. Eventually, Jenny would become the Program Evaluator at the Calgary and Area Child Advocacy Centre.

Now a Behavioural Health Consultant with the Camrose Primary Care Network, Jenny works with people aged 11-24 by supporting their mental health. Jenny still considers herself as being one part of a collaborative whole and finds that “working alongside other service providers to devise innovative and creative ways to enhance the quality of lives and relationships extremely rewarding.” Jenny also operates a consulting business that provides evaluation and



**JENNY OFRIM**  
BA Psychology '02

program development services to non-profit organizations in the health and social sectors. Perhaps her extensive dedication to working within her community is what has drawn her to volunteer for Augustana's Alumni Student Support and Engagement Team (ASSET).

ASSET begins recruiting its alumni volunteers each spring. After sufficient training, these volunteers work to positively impact the mental health and well-being of UAlberta students by providing information on available support services and by facilitating student mental health check-ins throughout the academic year. Benefits of becoming a part of ASSET are many and Jenny Ofrim is an incredible addition to the program both because of her background and her passion for serving her community in collaborative ways.



## SAMANTHA MATTERS

BSc Environmental Science '14

Samantha Matters has worked as an engagement coordinator with the Government of Alberta, co-founded a non-profit, became the Executive Director of another non-profit and is now pursuing her master's degree, all since studying environmental science just five years ago.

"Everything I did at Augustana showed me the connections between issues and the importance of thinking about things broadly."

As a student, Samantha was involved in the Earthwise Club, the Augustana Queers and Allies group and Indigenous Students Services. Samantha also completed an undergraduate thesis that analyzed the history of Aboriginal Peoples in Beaver Hills, and worked alongside professor Glynnis Hood as a research assistant.

"My experiences at Augustana helped shaped me into the systems and strategic thinker that I am today "

Profile by Melissa Wilk

Following her degree and her work with the Alberta government, Samantha co-founded a federally incorporated bilingual non-profit organization, The Poison and The Apple, in 2018. The Poison and The Apple aims to change the way Canadians interact with nature at a cultural level by taking on a variety of projects. Most recently, the non-profit published a book entitled *The Forces of Nature: Gaia's Child*, the organization's first major project: "we teamed up with an amazing group of young people across Canada to create a story that uses fiction and imagination to drive connection with the natural world and help people become better stewards of the environment," says Samantha.

*Gaia's Child* inspired another aspect of the organization's mandate: youth empowering youth. "I think it is so important to elevate youth voices and to give them more space to effect change, especially in light of the climate crisis."

Passionate about the non-profit sector, Samantha recently joined the Centre for Indigenous Innovation and Technology—an organization that aims to increase Indigenous representation in the Canadian tech industry—as the new Executive Director. "We're hoping to create programming to decrease the barriers for Indigenous people in the tech industry and to bridge the digital divide we see on reserves," says Samantha.

Also pursuing her Master of Design in Strategic Foresight and Innovation at the Ontario College of Art and Design, Samantha is focusing on how strategic action and long-term planning methods may or may not be utilized in Indigenous communities.

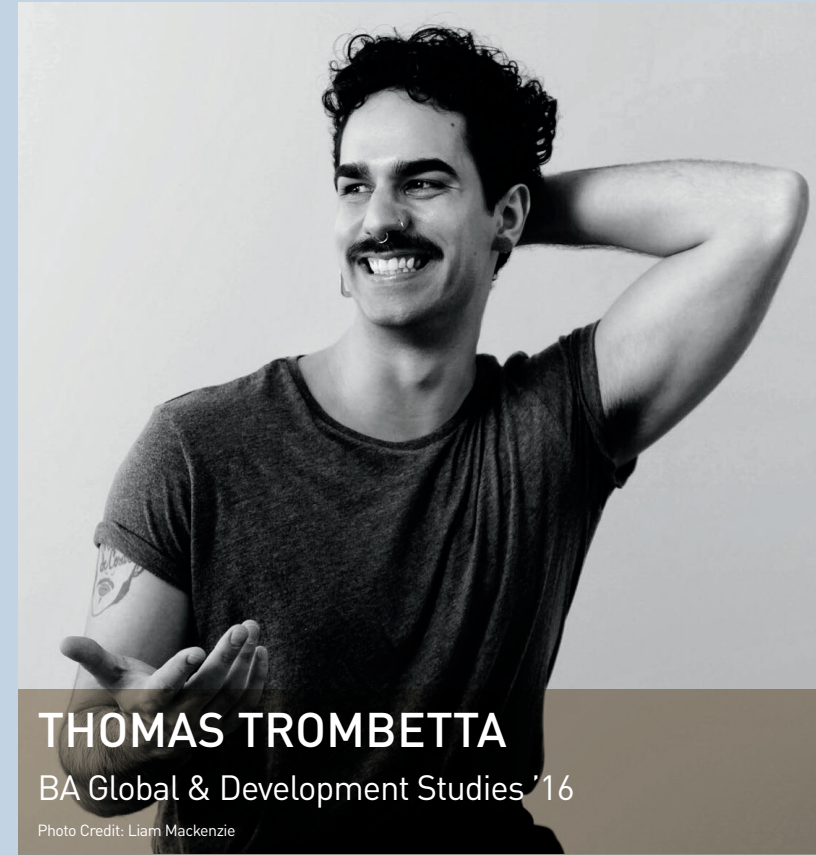
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Profile by Nancy Killen

Augustana said goodbye to a highly engaged student when Thomas Iglesias Trombetta graduated in 2016. Originally from Brazil, Thomas' time at Augustana offered him opportunities for connecting with people in the community, for which he is immensely appreciative: "All of the strong students of colour, all of the resilient queer and trans students, who despite the conservative surrounding[s], took a step forward in teaching others about anti-oppression and equity. These students are working part-time jobs, volunteering, taking full class schedules and existing, while also finding time to bring forward ideas of equity and justice. They deserve all of the support they can get."

Thus inspired, he worked to complement his Augustana degree with further "training in mental health, crisis intervention, anti-oppression, queer and trans health and harm reduction," which has led to his employment with the Community Based Research Centre and the Edmonton Men's Health Collective. In his work, Thomas manages programs and services for gay, bi and other sexual minorities in the prairies and develops provincial education for HIV prevention as the PrEP Alberta Coordinator. These positions involve outreach work and presentations to increase health outcomes and decrease stigma within the LGBTQ2S+ community. Thomas feels that the most rewarding part of his work is "getting a chance to work with the community" as he experiences inspiration and rewards from "being surrounded by powerful and tender people who are interested in changing the world."



## THOMAS TROMBETTA

BA Global & Development Studies '16

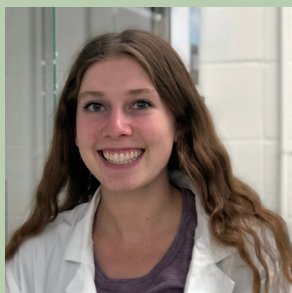
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Of course, Thomas faces heavy responsibility in his line of work: "When talking about sexual health, it seems like it's up to community organizations to convince our systems that there are creative, evidence-based and community-driven ways to speak about HIV and STIs." However, he remains committed because he believes that "we can be creative, inclusive and informed by evidence all at the same time. We can have the best of both worlds, we just have to want it enough."

With plans to begin a master's degree, Thomas is eager, positive and open to a variety of avenues for his future. Although his interests are varied, one thing is certain: he is influencing positive change and appears fearless in the presence of adversity.

## ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARD

### Kylie Peake



Growing up in New Norway—and daughter to Augustana alumnus, Corry Peake ('11), and U of A alumna, Signe Peake ('95)—attending Augustana was something that was always on Kylie's mind. It was in her last year of high school when Kylie decided Augustana would be her plan. Drawn in by the promise of community and opportunities for student involvement and leadership, she has found and repeatedly takes advantage of these opportunities.

On her way to earning her bachelor of science in biology, Kylie does much more on campus than study and take tests. As a Student Chaplain with Augustana's Chaplaincy program, a member of the Vikings Cross-Country Running Team, an executive for the Chemistry Society and a Student Program Coordinator for the Campus Visits program, one could say that Kylie lives and breathes Augustana and its opportunities every day. "Becoming involved felt essential to the university experience. I have learned things and gained new skills that you aren't able to get in a classroom."

Kylie's involvement across campus has made her the ideal recipient of the Augustana Alumni Leadership Award. In addition to this award, Kylie has received enough funding this year from donor-supported awards to almost pay for her tuition in full. With the goal of continuing her education to pursue a career in health care, Kylie finds this support invaluable.

"These awards provide the opportunity for continued involvement and open the doors for new opportunities and experiences. I feel fortunate to know others are investing in my education and it motivates me to succeed," says Kylie. "I cannot express how grateful I am for what the Augustana community has provided me, and I can't wait to see what the future holds!"

*The Augustana Alumni Leadership Award is given to a student with satisfactory academic standing continuing in an undergraduate degree at Augustana Faculty. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership and volunteerism on campus.*

To the many alumni donors who support the Alumni Leadership Award, thank you for helping students like Kylie achieve her goals and become involved at Augustana. Along with these donors, you too can support students through this award. Your ongoing support will ensure students have the time and capacity to become leaders at Augustana and in their communities.

For more information on how you can support Augustana's alumni awards, please contact the Office of Advancement at 780-679-1558 or [augdev@ualberta.ca](mailto:augdev@ualberta.ca)

## PHIL AND DORIS ANDERSON ALUMNI AWARD

### Matthew Caffaro



The Phil and Doris Anderson Alumni Award is being awarded for the first time to a deserving recipient: Matthew Caffaro.

Accepted to many universities in his last year of high school, Matthew chose Augustana over them all. Currently in his fourth year of his sociology degree and looking to graduate this year with his bachelor of arts, Matthew knows he made the right choice.

In addition to his studies, Matthew's dedication can be found on many other areas of campus. In his second and third year, Matthew was involved with the Augustana Students' Association. This year, Matthew has broadened his involvement and is now both a Resident Assistant in the Hoyme Complex dorms and a Student Chaplain with Chaplaincy. In all three instances Matthew was encouraged to get involved—something he now goes out of his way to do himself: "there is such a power in letting someone know you believe they are capable."

When asked about this award, Matthew places an extra emphasis on the relief the financial assistance provides and how he's committed to making the most of his university experience because of this. "This award is a reminder that leadership is worth pursuing, especially in different areas of campus life; I hope it's indicative of some impact I've had, large or small. The commitment to leadership by those before me has allowed me my own leadership journey at Augustana, and I'm so grateful for this."

*The Phil and Doris Anderson Alumni Award is awarded to students with satisfactory academic standing enrolled in the second or subsequent year of an undergraduate degree at Augustana Faculty. Selection is based on academic standing and demonstrated leadership, community engagement, volunteerism and/or involvement in extracurricular activities at Augustana Campus.*

## ALUMNA STAYS CONNECTED BY SUPPORTING AUGUSTANA STUDENTS

For Doris Anderson, Augustana is in her roots.

Many know that Camrose Lutheran College (now the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus) was founded in 1910, but Doris' connection is more personal: her great-grandfather and both of her grandfathers attended the first organizational meeting of CLC. The tradition of family involvement at CLC continued with her parents (both attending and her father a part of the first graduating class) and Doris and all four of her siblings studying at CLC. Even outside of learning, her family remained personally connected. Her parents were close friends of Chester Ronning, and Doris recalls many visits from him and his family during her childhood.

With all of these connections it's no surprise that Doris considers being an Augustana alumna as part of her identity. "It gives you a sense of belonging. You're a part of it—you've been a part of it for your whole life." While she lived in Camrose (only a few blocks away from campus) she made sure to attend every Chester Ronning Centre event, and attended as many other campus events as possible, from concert choirs and drama performances to academic lectures.

Now living in Calgary, Doris still looks for ways to stay connected to her roots and stay true to her identity. One way she has done this is by creating the Phil and Doris Anderson Alumni Award.

Named after her and her late husband, this award champions student leadership and volunteerism—and by endowing her award she has ensured it will impact students in perpetuity. Having previously helped in the creation of the Hendrickson Endowment on campus after the passing of her parents and sister, Doris already knew the benefits of an endowment. Additionally, Doris has been able to represent an award established by her classmate living in Texas and has met student award recipients over the years. Through these personal interactions, Anderson was able to see the importance of such awards and what it meant to these students.

To Doris, it's about connection. Connection to her family, connection



to her identity as an alumna, connection to Augustana students. When looking back to her own time on campus, she remembers the personal moments—putting on events for her classmates, attending club activities and looking out her dorm window in order to tell when her date had arrived to pick her up. She remembers reading through her classmate's comments in the 1945 yearbook (her graduation year, and a yearbook that was never printed due to budget cuts during war-time) and she still remembers what was written about her: "If the young man in the grey Chevy doesn't capture Doris' heart she may become a home economics teacher." Even though it was never printed—she achieved both.

Although Augustana no longer prints yearbooks, this award creates a legacy in another way, allowing students to make their own memories on campus, well into the future. The Phil and Doris Anderson Alumni Award celebrates its first recipient this year, and with this award, Doris remains close to her roots.

# THE FEDERAL ELECTION AND ALBERTA'S PATH FORWARD



By Clark Banack

Frustration in Alberta has reached new heights following a federal election that returned the Trudeau Liberals to power despite failing to win a single seat in Alberta or Saskatchewan. That a wide swath of Albertans are frustrated is understandable. Tens of thousands of good jobs have disappeared as oil and gas companies have reduced investment due to a combination of decreased prices, increased government regulations, unexpected court decisions and a broader acknowledgment that the climate crisis will eventually slow global demand for our chief export. The subsequent slowing of the Alberta economy has negatively affected provincial coffers, ultimately leading to a recent austerity budget that will lead to more job losses, this time across much of the public sector, including at

this university. The jobs lost in Alberta are more than mere statistics: these are real people facing significant fiscal insecurity. Given this reality, it is only logical that many Albertans are angry, are demanding change, even supporting upstart "Wexit" campaigns.

Albertans feeling alienated from the federal government has ebbed and flowed for over a century. The one constant, however, has been the Alberta government's penchant for fanning the flames of discontent for their own political gain. In fact, the practice of various provincial governments playing the "anti-Ottawa" card is a central factor in the historical popularity of conservative-leaning parties in the province. There is little doubt that the current government is following suit, certainly not pushing separatism, but definitely laying significant blame for Alberta's predicament at the feet of Justin Trudeau. I'm not convinced that this is the most appropriate use of our political energies.

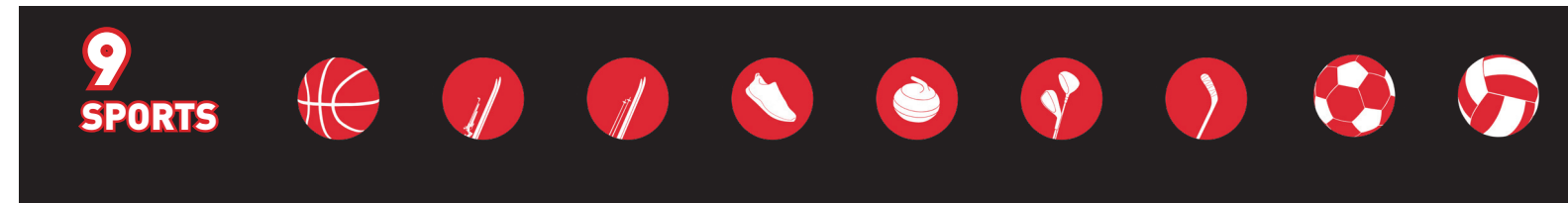
However difficult it may be for most Albertans to swallow, it has to be acknowledged that over 60% of Canadians voted for parties that are committed to fighting climate change, including the implementation of a

price on carbon designed to gradually wean us off fossil fuels. One way to interpret such results would be to conclude such voters are hopelessly naive, perhaps even deluded, in believing cutting emissions in Canada will make any noticeable difference. Again, this is somewhat understandable. Many Albertans rightly note that Canada's total global carbon emission footprint is minuscule. So why ask Albertans to suffer additional pain for next to no overall gain? The logical extension of this interpretation seems to be that, if the federal government is not willing to ignore the growing calls for action on climate change and instead double down on Alberta's oil and gas industry, it is time to go our own way. After all, isn't the next oil boom just around the corner?

An alternative interpretation, and one that I think would be more beneficial to Alberta's long-term economic prosperity, would involve admitting that a broad commitment to act meaningfully in response to climate change is emerging in Canada and elsewhere and, as this commitment continues to grow, Alberta needs to be honest about its economic future. In other words, perhaps the federal election is finally the kick in the pants we need to seriously commit to a full-scale economic diversification strategy

that is capable of ensuring Alberta's fiscal well-being for the next century.

Of course, it has proven notoriously difficult for economies highly dependent upon a single resource to successfully diversify. Indeed, every Alberta premier since Lougheed has talked about diversification, yet here we are. The manner by which advanced economies evolve is a complex and dynamic process—there are no easy or quick paths to diversification. It will require careful and sustained effort—and investment—over time by both levels of government. But Alberta possesses several resources that are prime to be tapped in this effort: a young, well-educated and resilient workforce, a technological know-how groomed in the oil patch and now quite transferable to many aspects of the "green energy" sector, a network of excellent universities and trade schools and, perhaps most importantly, a determination widely shared by its citizens to simply "get the job done." Such a commitment to diversification need not equate to a shuttering of the oil industry, nor should the plight of those who have lost their jobs be ignored. But devoting our energies to proper diversification, rather than protracted fights with Ottawa, or even pursuing separation, is the path that will pay the most dividends over the long term.



## HOSTED WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ACAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

**3 TRIPS TO NATIONALS**

- Curling
- Cross-Country Running
- Golf

**ACAC ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS**

**3 ACAC MEDALS**

- Golf
- Curling
- M. Basketball

**1 CCAA MEDAL**

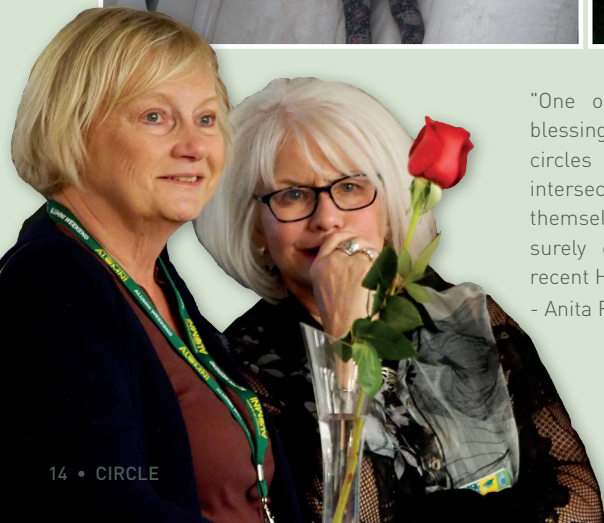
- Curling

**ACAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR**

**ACAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

**ACAC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**





"One of the distinct pleasures and blessings of living long are the paths, circles and roadways that keep intersecting, overlapping and braiding themselves together again...this truth surely came home to roost at our recent Homecoming."  
- Anita Foged, Class of 1969



This Alumni Weekend we welcomed Camrose Lutheran College, Augustana University College and U of A alumni to campus—plus the Camrose community! Along with various class reunions and exclusive events (like the Kick-Off Cabaret and Oktoberfest), we also hosted Kids on Campus, a new portion of the weekend that invited Camrosians and their families to participate in interactive sessions across campus. We had so much fun seeing our alumni and Camrose community who attended—we look forward to seeing all of you (including those who were unable to come) at Alumni Weekend 2020!



To read more about the weekend, visit [aug.ualberta.ca/aw2019inphotos](http://aug.ualberta.ca/aw2019inphotos)



## CULTURAL STUDIES PROFESSOR BRINGS A DIVERSE REPERTOIRE TO AUGUSTANA

By Melissa Wilk

From tanning a deer hide to exploring Edmonton’s art galleries, Erin Sutherland’s courses offer a unique experience for Augustana students.

Originally from northern Alberta, Erin joined the Augustana community in 2017. Erin has undergraduate degrees in psychology and native studies from the University of Alberta, and completed both her master’s degree and PhD in cultural studies at Queen’s University.

In her courses, Erin aims to engage students in forms of Indigenous pedagogies, to build community between students and to show them the diversity and expanse of Indigenous art and cultures. Erin has been inspired by “Kitchen Table Theory” which explores how individuals don’t need to be in a classroom setting to learn—we can learn from simply sitting around a kitchen table.

Erin uses this theory in many of her courses as a way to share knowledge and to allow space for students to contribute their experiences and opinions. “It’s about creating a community learning space. It takes the traditional lecturing system and shakes it up a little bit,” says Erin.

Outside of the classroom, Erin pursues her passion for art and curating in numerous ways. In 2015, she was one of the



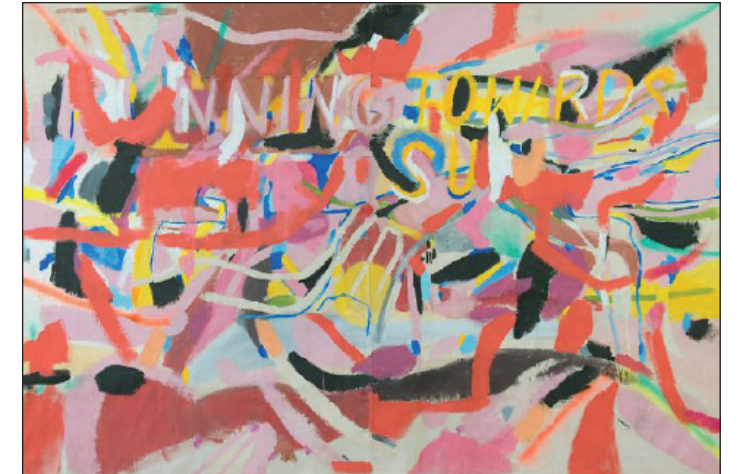
Erin Sutherland tans hide with her students in her “Indigenous Cultural Production” course, a reflection of her teaching style inspired by “Kitchen Table Theory” where coming together and making things leads to knowledge sharing. Photos courtesy of Melissa Wilk.



core founders of the Ociciwan Contemporary Art Collective, a group that seeks to support contemporary Indigenous art and advocates for innovative, experimental creative practices and research in Edmonton, AB. In late January 2020, the group is set to open the Ociciwan Contemporary Art Centre, a non-profit, collective-run centre dedicated to presenting contemporary Indigenous art.

Erin has also curated several shows across Canada including *Let’s Talk ‘Bout Sex, bb* in Kingston, *Current Terrains* in Toronto, *Her Body Will Remember* in Kelowna, and *continuum*, which took place at Augustana in March 2019.

“I really enjoy sharing the work that I do as a curator within my courses and creating engaging experiences for my students by trying different things,” says Erin. “My work as a curator and as an educator ultimately seeks to challenge some of the damaging narratives that exist and to show people new ideas.”



Running Towards the Sun (2016-17), Grace Rosario Perkins - *Let’s Talk about Sex, bb*



Darkie (2018), Anique Jordan - *Let’s Talk about Sex, bb*

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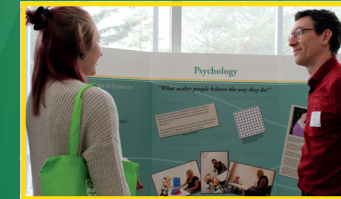
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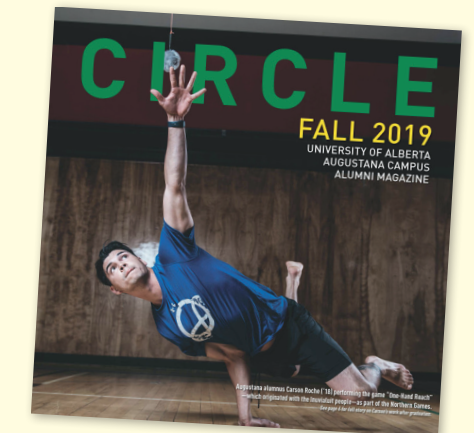
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Congratulations to all of those faculty and staff members who have earned Long Service Awards this year! Here's a look at some who have been at Augustana the longest, and their answer to the question: What's the biggest change you've seen at Augustana over the years?



On October 29, Augustana celebrated the milestones of a number of our faculty and staff members at the Long Service Awards ceremony.

**35 YEARS**

**Marian Forre, Biology Technician**

"For me, personally, it's a renovated work space. For the first time in 35 years I have a real desk! Overall, I would say the biggest change at Augustana is the drive to distinguish ourselves from all of the other post-secondary institutions in the province. We have made some major changes in the last few years to make our institution different."



**William Hackborn, Professor of Mathematics and Computing Science**

"The biggest change that I've seen at Augustana since I started in 1984 is "the decline of religiosity". When I started in 1984, chapel was held from 10:00 to 10:20 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and it was well-attended, with (I'd guess) an average of 75 students and faculty there. Also, a "devotional" (about five to 10 minutes long, usually consisting of a brief reflection by Augustana's chaplain, followed by the singing of a hymn) was held at the start of every faculty meeting. Also, all faculty members were expected to have a "church home" that they attended regularly on Sundays and there was a target that 70% of the faculty be Lutheran (which we never quite reached, but it was generally about 65%). Please note that I'm not saying this "decline" was either bad or good: it's just the biggest change that I've noticed."



### 30 YEARS

#### Tim Hanson, Assistant Dean External Relations

“The biggest change that I’ve seen is the use of computers. When I first arrived, we had one dummy terminal in the entire office environment! The buildings have also obviously changed immensely, as most of them have been re-done. But the one thing that hasn’t changed is the sense of community that you find at Augustana, and I’m not sure that ever will change.”



### 25 YEARS

#### Glen Hvenegaard, Professor of Environmental Studies

“The gradual, but steady, change in professors and staff as they retire or move on, as is bound to happen over 25 years. Of course, the new buildings and renovations that occurred after the U of A merger are important too.”



#### Thomas Schoen, Music Conservatory Instructor

“I think the biggest changes I have seen at Augustana are the facilities. The Conservatory of Music has moved from the well-worn, but often bright, rooms of North Hall to the lovely newly appointed rooms in the dark basement of the Faith & Life Centre. But we now have the Lougheed Centre in place of North Hall which is a wonderful facility for music. I am heartened to see the continued strength in both numbers and excellence of the performing arts at Augustana. I think it is worth commenting that the one thing that hasn’t changed much in the past 25 years is the sense of community at Augustana encompassing students, faculty and staff.”



#### Ingrid Urberg, Associate Professor of Scandinavian Studies

“There have been so many changes at Augustana over the past 25 years—new and renovated buildings, the merger with the University of Alberta, the 3-11 calendar, revised programs, increased research funding and interdisciplinary opportunities—that I can’t single out one. Rather, I would like to identify something that has been a constant presence during my time here: engaged students who have experienced these changes right along with my colleagues and me. After over 30 years of full-time teaching, I still love walking into the classroom every day to work with my language, culture, literature and First Year Seminar students. Deep and meaningful engagement with students in the classroom and beyond continues to motivate me to be a part of the Augustana community.”



### Other individuals who were awarded for 25 years of service...

#### Paul Neff, Public Services Librarian

“Paul has been a committed and dedicated librarian for over 25 years and has helped students with every topic imaginable. I always joke that if I was ever on *Who Wants to Be A Millionaire*, I would call him for my phone a friend.”  
– Nancy Goebel, Head Librarian

#### Doris Audet, Associate Professor of Biology

“Doris has a great sense of humour, professionalism and talent. She has left a unique mark on many of our students.”  
– Peter Berg, Professor of Mathematics & Physics; Chair of Science

### 20 Years of Service

#### Prayong (Mim) Lindberg, Custodial Worker, Residence

“Mim has strength, determination and a passion for this campus. She doesn’t just clean, but over the years has stripped floors and finished them as well. She also cares about students and keeps in contact with them long after they graduate.” – Chris Blades, Facilities & Operations Manager

### 15 Years of Service

#### Karsten Mundel, Associate Dean (Academic); Associate Professor of Global and Development Studies

#### Ardelle Ries, Associate Professor of Music; Director of Music

#### Nathan Skretting, Team Lead, Technology & Learning Services

#### Sauna Wilton, Associate Professor of Political Studies



### 10 Years of Service

#### Angela Chytrcek, Student Engagement Coordinator

#### Shane Day, Help Desk Administrator, Technology & Learning Services

#### Mary-Anne Falk, Executive Assistant to the Dean

#### Lars Hallstrom, Director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities; Professor of Political Studies

#### Melissa Hande, Bookstore Supervisor

#### Rosanna Heise, Computing Sciences Lecturer

#### Jean Malcolm-McDonald, Physics Technician

#### Brian Rempel, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

#### Edna Rios, Custodial Worker

#### Alyson Ruth Ryan, Fitness Centre Staff

#### Tomislav Terzin, Assistant Professor of Biology

### 5 Years of Service

#### Jose Flores, Custodial Worker

On April 30, 2019, Augustana bid farewell to the following staff members. With a goodbye reception where fond memories were shared and a send-off that included ringing our centenary bell sculpture, we wish all of last year's retirees the best of luck in their future endeavours. Augustana is the all the better for having had you here!



Mike Clermont – 17 years of service



Tony Thomsen – 8 years of service



Roger Galenza – 5 years of service



Cathy Davis – 32 years of service



Irene Shultz – 18 years of service

**Francois Bastien** (Assistant Professor of Management), **Roxanne Harde** (Professor of English; Associate Dean Research) and **Daniel Sims** (Assistant Professor of History) are award recipients for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Insight Development Grants 2019-20 competition. Their projects tackle resource attraction in Indigenous communities, acquaintance rape narratives in young adult literature and Tsek'ehne concepts of wilderness and development in the Finlay-Parsnip Watershed of northern British Columbia, respectively. **Dean Demetres Tryphonopoulos** is a co-applicant for a project on H.D.'s long poems, which was also awarded an Insight Grant. To read more about their projects, visit [aug.ualberta.ca/insightresearch19](http://aug.ualberta.ca/insightresearch19).

**Margaret Bateman**, former Board of Regents Member at Augustana and former Board Chair of Edmonton Airports, has been appointed to Board of Governors, EPCOR Utilities Inc. She is also currently serving on the boards of the Alberta Blue Cross Corporation and 2001 Legacy Foundation in Edmonton. Congratulations on your appointment!

**Megan Caldwell** is now Director of Indigenous Student Services at Augustana. Megan will continue to provide leadership as she has in the past—congratulations, Megan!

**John Dedrick** is the new head coach of the women's basketball team. He has had many years of experience in coaching basketball at various levels in Alberta.



We also welcome **Stephen Enright** as the new head coach of the women's volleyball team. Stephen is an Augustana alumnus, currently teaches in Camrose at Our Lady of Mount Pleasant School (where he is also athletics director) and is actively involved in the volleyball community.

**Rosemary Graham**, former IT Service Desk Analyst, is pursuing an exciting new opportunity with the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry as a Learning Technologies Analyst. It has been great getting to know you and we wish much success in your career!

With much thanks to **Glen Hvenegaard** (Professor of Environmental Science) for his work as manager of the Augustana Miquelon Lake Research Station. As manager, Glen was successful in promoting the station and adding several unique sustainability features to it. **Glynnis Hood** (Professor of Environmental Science) will be taking over his tasks and

will be instrumental in our new Hesje Observatory at Miquelon Lake. We wish you both well!

**Glen Hvenegaard** was also a part of a joint book launch in early October with creative writing instructor **Marina Endicott**. Glen's book, *Tourism and Visitor Management in Protected Areas*,

acts as a resource to provide guidance on key issues to achieve sustainable tourism in protected areas. Marina's novel, *The Difference*, follows two half-sisters on a sailing voyage through the south pacific

where an encounter with a young boy from a remote island has repercussions that leads the younger sister, Kay, to question the actions of her sister and society in general.

**James Kariuki** (Associate Professor of Chemistry) has been appointed as Associate Dean (Teaching) for the 2019-20 academic year.

**Arlo Ludwig** in Technology & Learning Services will be taking on the responsibility of more teaching and learning support at Augustana in conjunction with Information Services and Technology (IST) on North Campus.



**Robert Brennan**, who was in the above position previously, will now assume the role of connecting others to work more effectively and efficiently with technology, tools and processes both here at Augustana and on the North Campus in IST.

**Kim Misfeldt** (Professor of German; Vice Dean) was named Augustana's first Vargo Teaching Chair at September's Celebrate! ceremony. The chair is awarded to those who are innovative teachers who have shown leadership and mentorship among colleagues. At the same ceremony, **Neil Haave** (Professor of Biology; Associate Director for the Centre for Teaching and Learning) became Augustana's second recipient of the Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the University of Alberta's premier teaching award. Congratulations to the both of you!



Dean Tryphonopoulos (right) with award winners Neil Haave and Kim Misfeldt.

**Sara Napp** joined us to fill a temporary position in Learning, Advising & Beyond as a Student Advisor. Sara comes to us with over nine years of experience in U of A Faculties, most recently from the Faculty of Education. Sara recently completed a Career Development Practitioner



Dan Jensen (left) and Esther McDonald (middle) from the Camrose Association for Community Living with and Ardelle Ries (right), holding the ACDS Innovation Award.

Photo courtesy of Lori Larsen, Camrose Booster.

Certificate from Simon Fraser University where she participated in a practicum experience in which she facilitated workshops, created an online course and worked with undergrad and graduate students related to career development.

Congratulations to **Ardelle Ries** (Associate Professor and Director of Music) for her work with the *SingAble* inclusion choir! The Camrose Association for Community Living and the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus, through the work of Ardelle Ries and *SingAble*, recently received the Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS) Innovation Award 2019, recognizing innovators in the community disability sector. Ardelle also received the Camrose Association for Community Living's Individual Inclusion Champion Award for her work with *SingAble*.

**Heather Verbaas**, Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Coordinator, is taking over for **Hailey Dumontel** while she is away on leave. Heather is working for Inclusion Alberta and will be providing support to three new students currently

attending Augustana. Inclusion Alberta is a non-profit federation that provides support and advocacy for persons with developmental disabilities.

**John Wiebe** (Director of Choral Activities) recently received the prestigious Richard S. Eaton Award of Distinction in recognition of exemplary service to choral music in the province of Alberta.

**Joseph Wiebe** (Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion) recently received the Augustana Early Teaching Award. Congratulations!

**Kim Wiebe** has taken a position with the Faculty of Nursing After-Degree Program. She was previously using her skills to assist with administrative duties alongside **Mary-Anne Falk** in the Dean's Office. We wish you all the best, Kim, and we are sure that we will see you on campus occasionally.

**Ken Winder** was accepted to the U of A's after-degree program in nursing and has moved from her role at the service desk in TLS. Wishing you the best!

## 1940s

'46 **Ellen Coates (Sjerdal)** is still young at heart—glad to see that you are never too old to have a little fun! Thanks for thinking of us and sending the picture.



## 1960s

'60 **Ronald Fisher** visited us in October 2018 and reminisced about his time on campus. He recalled the old gym and visited the second floor where his dormitory room was located. He spoke of Dean of Men Pastor Lunde, President Pastor Lund and Ed Marken—and also about Founders' Hall being located at the end of College Lane. Ronald taught school in Daysland from 1964-66 and in Sundre from 1967-97 (high school biology and social studies in addition to coaching football—later becoming the vice-principal and principal). After retiring in 1997, he became a school trustee for Sundre for 19 years. It was great visiting with you

and we hope that when your class of 1960 meets in 2020 we can visit again! Anyone wishing to be in contact with Ronald is welcome to email him: [rfisherdsjj@gmail.com](mailto:rfisherdsjj@gmail.com)

## 1970s

'72 **Blaine Kjorlien**. Congratulations to Blaine for entering the Wetaskiwin and County Sports Hall of Fame for his athletic accomplishments and his outstanding coaching career. Blaine was actively involved with both the football team and the wrestling teams during his two years at Camrose Lutheran College. He received the award at the 2019 Induction Dinner on April 27, 2019 in Wetaskiwin, AB.

'74 **Gerald Pilger** received the Frank Jacobs Press Column Gold Award from the 2019 Canadian Farm Writers' Federation. Gerald is a freelance writer and writes a regular column for *Country Guide*. Congratulations on your award, Gerald!

'75 **Colleen Nelson (Johnson)** was inducted into the Ecolé Camrose Composite High School (ECCHS) Wall of Fame on November 23, 2018 at the ECCHS library. Congratulations, Colleen!

'76 **Claire Rolf** was a guest speaker at the Nordlys Film Festival in Camrose in February 2019. She is a sister at the Queen of Peace Monastery at Garibaldi Highlands, BC, which is a part of Upper Squamish, BC.

'77 **Richard Buckley** is an orthopedic trauma surgeon in Calgary at the Foothills Medical Center. He is also:

- Editor of medical best-seller *Principles of Fracture Management - 3rd edition*
- Editor of medical best-seller *Surgical Approaches in Orthopaedics - 5th edition*
- Editor of a worldwide, fracture-treatment website: AO Surgery Reference

Richard is married to a family doctor in Calgary, Lois Torfason, and has a daughter, Shannon, who is a pro ski patroller and a son, Andrew, who is a first year medical school student at the University of Calgary. Wishing you all the best in your career, and thanks for keeping in touch!



## CLASS NOTES

'77 **Carol Breitreutz (Yamabe)** and **Dale Breitreutz** '83, have retired and relocated to Montréal to be near their daughter, **Sara Breitreutz** '07, her husband and their 2-year old daughter. We will miss you in Camrose but we wish you all the best in your new adventure. Keep in touch and we know you will find ways to be involved at your new home!

'77 **Ellen Criss (Spady)** has been the band teacher at Roland Michener Secondary School in Slave Lake since 1995 and has recently retired. She was given a surprise farewell performance at the band concert on June 4, 2019. Augustana Campus wishes you all the best in your retirement.



## 1980s

A family of Vikings! **Brad Wagner** '85 (hockey), **Debbie Wagner (Stang)** '85 (women's basketball), **Katie Wagner** '16 (women's volleyball), **Joey Wagner** '18 (men's soccer) and **Karen Wagner** (current student—women's volleyball) all played as Vikings at Augustana. How awesome is that?

'86 **Patrick "Paddy" Ryan** was inducted into the Northside Sports Hall of Fame as an Athlete—Hockey in 2018.

'86 **Patricia Zeniuk** has opened a bakery in Camrose called Twists & More. Wishing you all the best in your new venture, Patricia!  
<https://twistsandmore.com/>

'88 **Nancy Goebel**, head librarian at Augustana Campus, is on professional leave for 2019. She will be researching empathy and how libraries can support the development of empathy in staff and patrons. Her position is being covered by **Katherine Koch** who has been a head librarian in the University of Alberta Libraries for over seven years. We wish you all the best in your research, Nancy, and we welcome you to Augustana, Katherine!

'79 **Brian Wildcat** received Augustana's 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award and the 2019 University of Alberta Alumni Award of Excellence for his instrumental work in promoting the education of Indigenous youth and in helping to create the Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC).

## 1990s

'91 **Lalit Chawla** has developed a "podcast to help doctors and other healthcare professionals relate to their patients, their colleagues and/or to any other person in their lives." His podcast, *The Introverted Doctor*, is available on YouTube and Apple Podcast. Feel free to contact Lalit directly if you have any questions: [chawla123@gmail.com](mailto:chawla123@gmail.com)

'94 **Apryl Bergstrom** received the 2019 Graduate Student Teaching Award in Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology.

'94 **Keith Mackintosh** was selected as the head coach of the Junior Women's National Team for U-19 Women's Softball that was held in Irvine, CA. Keith writes us that he was also named to the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame in 2017 in the player category and owns a business with fellow Augustana alumnus **Dean Holoien** '95. Congratulations on your appointment and hoping your games were successful!

'95 **Karsten Mundel** was recognized for his eight years of service on the board with the Covenant Health St. Mary's Hospital Camrose Foundation. Congratulations and thanks for all your work!

'95 **Glenn Rupertus** earned four gold medals at the Canadian Championships at Whistler Olympic Park in 2019. It has been 20 years since his last Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. He gives credit to his father, Orville Rupertus, and past Augustana professor Garry Gibson. He is planning on going to the World Biathlon Championships in Finland next winter. Way to keep on winning with your biathlon accomplishments!

'97 **Deena Hinshaw** was appointed the Chief Medical Officer of Health in Alberta on January 28, 2019. Congratulations, Deena!

'99 **Lanette Prediger** has been inducted into

the Ecolé Camrose Composite High School Wall of Fame (ECCHS) on November 23, 2018 at the ECCHS library. Congratulations, Lanette!

## 2000s

'02 **Henning Hansen** and partner, Kirsty Weatherhead, are pleased to announce that they have a new son, Skjalg Murray Hansen. Congratulations!

'03 **David King**, lab technician in chemistry at Augustana, won the University of Alberta's annual Support Staff Recognition Award! David was the only winner in the competitive Technical/Information Systems category and the first staff member at Augustana to receive this award, in any category. David says that he really appreciates that he gets to work with such an amazing group. Thanks for all your hard work, David!

'02 **Tova Olson** received first place, Alberta Excellence Choral Class (25 years and under) at the Alberta Music Festival Association's Provincial Festival as a conductor for the *Kuimba Choir*.

'03 **Trish Macklin** is now working as a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT) with Camrose Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic. Good luck in your new position!

'03 **Nathan Skretting** has been hired as the Director of Technology and Administration in Augustana's Technology & Learning Services (TLS) office. We are excited for you and your new role!

'04 **Tyson Lazaruk**, his wife, Janelle, and sons, Grey and Foster, have moved to Melbourne, Australia as he begins the Master in Business (Sport Management) program at Deakin University. Tyson was a former student recruiter at Augustana and a U of A recruitment coordinator/academic advisor in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation. Glad to hear that you still

remember your days at Augustana, including the clipboard you bought in 1999 (and used for five years while attending here)! Remembering your days working here bring a smile to us as well. Stay well and all the best in your studies and adventures in Australia!

'05 **Amber Basarab (Schmidt)** will be covering the maternity leave for **Jayla Lindberg (Brewer)** '06 as the Student Academic Services & Experiential Learning Coordinator in Augustana's Learning, Advising & Beyond office. We are wishing you both the best!

'05 **Steven Hansen** ran for the Alberta Party position in the Camrose riding for the 2019 provincial election. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in laws, is a business lawyer and lives in the Camrose area. Steven is also involved with the Camrose Regional Exhibition and is a founding director of the Nordlys Film and Arts Society. These are a few of his many involvements.

'05 **Matthew Hebert** is the Augustana Faculty Representative on the U of A Alumni Council for the next two years as of June 1, 2019. Way to go, Matthew! Your representation of Augustana is valued and appreciated!

'05 **Steven Lindberg** and **Jayla Lindberg (Brewer)** '06 welcomed their twins, Abigail Rose and Hannah Brooke, on August 12, 2019. Enjoy your new little bundles!



## CLASS NOTES

'06 **Erik Olson**, who is the music teacher at Our Lady of Mount Pleasant (OLMP) school in Camrose, was the brainchild of using an older upright piano from OLMP for an "outdoor setting for the pleasure of anyone wanting to rattle off a tune or two." We all know that no one can play a piano quite like Erik. The piano is located at the gazebo at Kamifurano Park (north side of Mirror Lake). Erik is also a new member of the Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association! Erik writes, "Not only will I have more opportunities for professional development, but my students will also have access to scholarships, bursaries, competitions, masterclasses and recitals."

'07 **Fay Bredeson** received second place, Choral (Senior) at the Alberta Music Festival Association's Provincial Festival as a conductor for the *Seraphina Women's Choir*.

'07 **Tiffany McNaughton** was commissioned to Diaconal Ministry with the United Church of Canada in May 2018 and will be serving Brechin United Church in Nanaimo, BC, as of July 2019. Tif credits her experiences in ecumenical chaplaincy and her global and development studies degree in paving the way for her success. Way to go, Tif!

'07 (AUG) **Stephanie Olson (Schuurman)** is currently teaching at Norwood School in Wetaskiwin. This past year they were gifted 30 ukuleles for the music department. Stephanie encourages students to sing, dance, play and laugh their way into music literacy. They also explore music from other languages and cultures. Norwood School is very fortunate to have you for a music teacher!





## CLASS NOTES

'07 **Rhonda Sylvester (Newton)** received second place, Choral (16 years and under) at the Alberta Music Festival Association's Provincial Festival as a conductor for *The Gracenotes*. At the same festival, students of her private vocal studio also placed first in Musical Theatre (12 years & under), second in Vocal Solo (12 years & under) and second in Boys Vocal Solo (16 years & under).

'08 **Chris Cook** recently acted at the Citadel in the production *Sweat*. Other acting credits include *Romeo & Juliet*; *The Conversion* (Kill Your Television); *Wish You Were Here* (Plain Jane); *Fearing Loretta* and *Risk Everything* (Punctuate!); *The Aliens* (What It Is); *Cold Pursuit* (Summit Entertainment); and *Damnation* (Netflix). We see that you have been very busy since graduating from Augustana! Keep up the good work!

'08 **Nansee Hughes (Cowan)**, a soprano singer, received a scholarship from the Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies to study as one of fifteen singers at the Franz-Schubert-Institute in Austria for five weeks. Way to go, Nansee!

'08 **Matthew Koehli** has been appointed as president-elect for the Board of Directors of the Alberta Society of Professional Biologists (ASPB) for the next year, after which he will become president. Matthew is also the Northern Operations Manager at TerraLogix Solutions Inc., based in Edmonton where he lives with his wife and two small children. Congratulations on your appointment and keep up the good work!

'09 **Kristen Cumming**, business consultant and founder of Cantos Performance Management, teaches techniques on having difficult conversations at conferences and to organizations.

## 2010s

'09 **Neil Loonen** and **Amy Loonen (Schumaker)** '12 are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Elizabeth Elaine Loonen. She was born on October 27, 2018 at 4:47 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. Wishing you all the best!

'10 **Krystal Bavaro (Gallamore)** would love to announce the birth of her son! Marcello Daniel James was born on June 19, 2019 at 1:27 a.m. He is welcomed, with love, by Armando, Krystal and big sister, Carmen.

'11 **Cole Boyd** and **Charley Boyd (Switzer)** '15 (AUG '11) are pleased to announce the birth of son Ellis Joshua Boyd on November 29, 2018. All the best to you and your family!

'12 **April Fox** has received her master's degree in clinical social work from the University of Calgary and is now a recognized social worker through the Alberta College of Social Workers. Yay! April's aspirations are to continue to pursue clinical, therapeutic work in a rural context. She writes that she is passionate about service availability in rural areas and sees her skills being used through her current role at the Camrose Family Resource Centre. She would like to practice in the future by delivering therapeutic services. Wishing you much success!



'12 **Dylan Breikreutz** graduated with a PhD in physics from the University of Victoria. Dylan writes us that he developed and evaluated a brand new radiation therapy system for the purpose of improving access to radiation therapy in low and middle-income countries. A prototype system is also nearing completion. During his PhD he received a Vanier Scholarship and an AAPM (an American medical physics organization) Fellowship, of which only one is awarded across North America every one or two years. He has also started his residency at Stanford University in the department of radiation oncology in July as a medical physics resident. Wishing you all the best in your new adventure, Dylan!

'13 **Thomas Hanson** graduated from the University of British Columbia's Pete Schuler School of Law with his juris doctor. Great job on your accomplishments and many best wishes for your future endeavors, Thomas!



Photo: Thomas with his proud mom and dad—**Cathy Hanson (Urlacher)** '79 and **Tim Hanson** '79 (Assistant Dean External Relations at Augustana).

'13 **Elizabeth Clarke** has been hired as an assistant professor in residence at Bradley University in Peoria, IL, to teach piano and music history. She is also about to complete her doctoral studies at Michigan State University. Way to go, Elizabeth! Wishing you all the best in your new position.

'13 **Anna Tomke (Walisser)** works at Harry Balfour School in Grande Prairie, AB, and received second place, Elementary School Choir (Grades 1-3) at the Alberta Music Festival Association's Provincial Festival as a conductor for the *Harry Balfour School Choir*.

'14 **Alisha Andraszewski** writes that she had an amazing opportunity to travel with other New York University students and faculty to participate in a pediatric global outreach program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. During their time in Cambodia, they provided dental care to children who face barriers in accessing such services.

'14 **Samantha Matters** accepted the position of Executive Director at the Centre for Indigenous Innovation and Technology.

'14 **Emily Smeaton** graduated from Thompson Rivers University in 2019 with a degree in laws. Many best wishes for your future career in law!

'15 **Ryan Lindsay** has done it again! He made it to the 2019 Project Wild Top 12. Winners were determined by WILD 95.3 on November 8, 2019. The awards night (finale) were on November 23, 2019 at Knoxville's in Calgary, AB. Ryan, we wish you all the best!

'15 **Katherine Swampy** has eared her master of public policy administration. Wonderful!

'16 **Stephanie Gruhlke** is a current graduate student and research assistant at the University of Victoria specializing in political science. She is also working at the University of Victoria as

the Events Administrative Assistant. Previously, Stephanie was a Foreign Intern/Teaching Assistant at the BNU-HKBU United International College in Zhuhai, Guangdong, China. Sounds like you're one busy gal and we wish you much success!

'16 **Sam Jones** completed her master of science at the University of Calgary. Wishing you all the best!



'16 **Nicole Luft** is working with the Camrose Primary Care Network under the Palliative & End of Life Care Navigator Program. This program helps navigate patients and their families and caregivers through the processes and challenges that appear during such times in life. With experience volunteering with the Hospice Society of Camrose this job was a perfect fit for her. Congratulations on your many accomplishments!

'16 **Kachuri Rook** is working for Leduc & District Victim Services as a victim support worker. Keep up the great work, Kachuri! Augustana wishes you well at your new job!

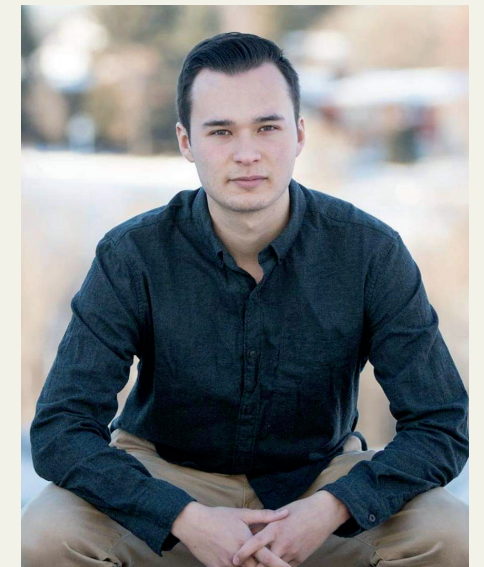
'16 **Thomas Iglesias Trombetta** accepted the position of PrEP Alberta Coordinator for Alberta Health Services. He has left his role as a board member with the Edmonton Men's Health

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Collective but remains as a volunteer. He will be working with the Community-Based Research Centre in Edmonton and in the prairies. You will do a great job, Thomas. Congrats!

'17 (AUG) **Juanita Hohm** placed first in Alberta Excellence Brass Solo at the Alberta Music Festival Association's Provincial Festival.

'18 **Gavin Wilkes** has joined the Learning, Advising & Beyond office at Augustana as their new student advisor, with a focus on Community Service-Learning. In the fall of 2018, he worked as a student recruiter in the Prospective Students' Office where he brought his experience with his work in the Indigenous Students Services office, Residence Life, research assistantships and CSL placements. Gavin has also been accepted in the Faculty of Law at the University of Saskatchewan for next year. Congratulations, Gavin!



'18 **Shianne Fairlie** is attending medical school at the University of British Columbia. All the best, Shianne!

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'19 **Nils Asfeldt** spent his summer after graduation as a trip leader on raft expeditions on the Nahanni River, NT.



'19 (AUG '16) **Kendra Badry** has graduated from the University of Alberta's North Campus with a bachelor of commerce. Augustana celebrates with you on your success!

'19 **Day Bulger** will be teaching English in Japan for the next year. Augustana wishes you all the best in your next adventure!

'19 **Lina Lim** is headed to dental school at the University of Alberta! Best wishes, Lina!



'19 **Andres Cardona Arias** is a volunteer ESL teacher at the Colombian Consulate in Calgary, specifically teaching fellow refugees conversational and technical English, while also applying to a teaching after-degree. We wish you the best!



'19 **Jamie Grunwald** started her studies as a medical student at the University of Alberta.

'19 **Jasohna Haukenfrers** will be completing a two-year music therapy after-degree at the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) in Winnipeg, MB. Jasohna hopes to write her accreditation exam for music therapy and open her own music therapy practice. Sounds like you have a lot of great plans and we wish you much success.

'19 **April Heinrich** is studying conducting and music pedagogy in Kecskemet, Hungary, at the Kodály Institute of the Liszt Ferenc Academy for a one-year diploma. April writes her thanks to everyone who supported her and encouraged her to pursue her dreams. We thank you for allowing us to follow you and your dreams! Keep us up to date—we are so very excited for you and your adventure.

'19 **Emily MacMillan** accepted a position with the Métis Nation of Alberta as a project coordinator. Emily hopes to go back to school to complete her master's and continue to explore her research on Indigenous health promotion through cultural realms.

'19 **Sydney Martin** has been accepted at the University of Manitoba in the Master in Physician

Assistant Studies program.

'19 **Chiedza Mutize** has been hired with the Augustana Prospective Student Office as a student Recruiter for fall 2019.

'19 **Madison Pearson** is spending ten months in Ottawa with the Parliamentary Internship Programme, working with nine other young Canadians for the federal government and opposition Members of Parliament.

'19 **Ben Schmidt** is pursuing a PhD in chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan. He will be researching and developing a variety of compounds that can be used to image and treat different types of cancers.



Photo: Ben Schmidt with Augustana professor James Kariuki.

'19 **Gracie Yelland** placed second in Vocal Solo (Senior) at the Alberta Music Festival Association's Provincial Festival.

'19 **Melissa Wilk** accepted a position with the Prospective Student Office for fall 2019 as a student recruiter. In January 2020, she will be the Program Assistant for the Cuba study abroad program. Melissa also plans on pursuing her master's degree. Wishing you well in your adventures!



## IN MEMORIAM 2019

**Nan Shute (Daintith)**, of Camrose, AB, on January 30, 2019

'41 **E. Selina James (Freeman)**, of Victoria, BC, on January 25, 2019. Recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000

'46 **Velma Hockridge (Aspenes)**, of Red Deer County, AB, on May 2, 2019

'46 **Clarence Servold**, of Camrose, AB, on February 2, 2019

'47 **Margit Berg (Greibrok)**, of Kelowna, BC, on October 8, 2014

'47 **Gladys Evans (Hafso)**, of Kelowna, BC, on September 19, 2019

'48 **Grace Inanda Bowers (Hoyme)**, of Sylmar, CA, on February 23, 2016

'48 **Aileen Burness (Jorgenson)**, of Sherwood Park, AB, on August 27, 2019

'48 **Roy Christian Hafso**, of Viking, AB, on September 1, 2018

'48 **Bessie Sax (Lien)**, of Edmonton, AB, on November 27, 2018

'50 **Molfrid Ahern-Jubinville (Bye)**, of Calgary, AB, on March 8, 2019

'50 **Hans Espe**, of Camrose, AB, on April 6, 2019

'52 **Myrtle Melnychuk (Miller)**, of Winnipeg, MB, on May 26, 2019

'53 **Shirley Wick (Martin)**, of Alvena, SK, on April 5, 2018

'54 **Douglas Eugene Fjeseth**, of Kingman, AB, on December 11, 2018

'54 **Lloyd Kenneth Johnson**, of Camrose, AB, on October 5, 2019

'54 **Byron Olson**, of Cranbrook, BC, on February 26, 2019

'57 **Mary Ann Ferner (Magneson)**, of Camrose, AB, on December 11, 2018

'59 **Laury Wallace Lange**, of Surrey, BC, on July 20, 2018

'59 **David Wold**, of Camrose, AB, on October 8, 2018

'60 **Iris Damkar (Olson)**, of Calgary, AB, on August 3, 2018

'60 **Singvart Lobert (Sig)**, of Chetwynd, BC, on October 9, 2018

'61 **Emil Pankonin**, of Calgary, AB, on March 14, 2018

'62 **Robert C. Taylor**, of Thorsby, AB, on December 8, 2018

'65 **Judy Hoefling (Innocent)**, of Sherwood Park, AB, on April 26, 2019

'65 **Greg Thirsk**, of Kelsey, AB, on August 29, 2019

'66 **Wynn McLean**, of Camrose, AB, on July 10, 2019

'67 **Hannelore Haugen (Hildebrand)**, of Calgary, AB, on October 30, 2017

'69 **John Frederick Pearson**, of Donalda, AB, on July 11, 2019

'69 **Lance Roberts**, of Winnipeg, AB, on September 14, 2019

'69 **Peter John Wynnyk**, of Edmonton, AB, on January 7, 2019

'70 **Gerald Mathias Kuefler**, of Galahad, AB, on May 18, 2018

'70 **Dennis Myers**, of Pincher Creek, AB, on May 22, 2019

'72 **Deryl Spelrem**, of Ponoka, AB, on November 18, 2016

'72 **Doreen Towpich (Brandt)**, of Morinville, AB, on July 24, 2017

'74 **Audrey Lyons**, of Vegreville, AB, on April 11, 2019

'75 **Heather Braconnier (Martin)**, of Three Hills, AB, in December 2018

'76 **Jean Briault (Bowen)**, of Edmonton, AB, on October 20, 2018

'76 **Susan Seida (Scurfield)**, of Calgary, AB, on August 27, 2018

'78 **Kevan Lever**, of Viking, AB, on July 9, 2018

'78 **Julie Pfeiffer**, of Calgary, AB, on October 17, 2018

'81 **Daniel Wahl**, of Gleichen, AB, on June 23, 2019

'82 **Rodney Michael Minnes**, of Calgary, AB, on March 25, 2019

'92 **Dawn Carlsen (Woytowich)**, of Camrose, AB, on February 24, 2019

'95 **James Roy Hunter**, of Camrose, AB, on October 18, 2018

'99 **Gladys Taranger**, of Camrose, AB, on February 28, 2019

'00 **Leesa Dolynchuk (Erickson)**, of Calgary, AB, on May 24, 2019

'03 **Rhea Pollosco (Par)**, of Wetaskiwin, AB, on January 6, 2018

'05 **Dyanna Couture (Noble)**, of Standard, AB, on April 7, 2018

'12 **Robert William Nicks**, of Cold Lake, AB, on December 7, 2017

### Other

**Clifden Berg**, of Calgary, AB, on January 30, 2019. Former Board of Regents member

**Jan Clarke**, of Gravenhurst, ON, on October 30, 2018. Former sociology and women's studies professor at Augustana

**Bruce Fraser**, of Camrose, AB, on November 8, 2018. Former Business Manager at Augustana

**Carol Jorgensen**, of Calgary, AB, on May 6, 2019. Former Board of Regents member



**Morley Riske**, of Camrose, AB, in February 2019. Professor Emeritus. Morley loved to play music and owned 25 saxophones at one time. He also played clarinet and loved to sing.

"Music became very important after retirement. We played in several different bands. Music has brought us much joy and many new friends, and it was something we could do together," says Duane Riske. ("Caring for patients through music", *The Vital Beat*)

Our deepest sympathies, Duane. Morley was loved by all!

Photo courtesy of Covenant Health

**Isabell Schneider**, of Camrose, AB, on November 25, 2018. Former kitchen staff at Augustana Campus

**Phyllis Voytechuk**, of Camrose, AB, in 2019. Wife of former Vikings hockey coach Joe Voytechuk

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