



President's Report to Senate

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Times Higher Education ranks Lakehead University among world's top universities

For the second year in a row, Lakehead University has been included in the top half of the Times Higher Education's list of top universities from around the world.

The 2021 Times Higher Education World University Rankings has Lakehead University in the 601-800 category out of more than 1,500 universities from 93 countries.

This is the second year that Lakehead University has participated in the rankings and, once again, Lakehead was the only primarily undergraduate university from Ontario to have participated. The University ranked in the same bracket as a number of larger Canadian universities, and ranked above the worldwide median in three of the five categories: Research, Citations, and International Outlook.

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Virtual Open House shares Lakehead Experience with Future Thunderwolves

The Lakehead Experience Virtual Open House took place on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 am to 2 pm for future students interested in exploring their post-secondary options at Lakehead University. The open house also featured a virtual exhibit hall where participants picked up a virtual backpack and visited 21 different booths to collect brochures and faculty and program videos and most importantly, chat one-on-one with current faculty, researchers and student services teams as they learned about Lakehead's programs, scholarships and bursaries, admissions and vibrant student life.

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2020 Regional Educators' Seminar

As with many of our annual events, this year's Regional Educators' Seminar was conducted virtually. This important annual gathering invites local and regional guidance counsellors to attend an afternoon with us to learn more about Lakehead, including updates, program highlights, and the numerous ways we support our students. We know the guidance counsellor community is a key influential resource for high school contemplating their post-secondary journeys. The purpose of our annual event is to keep Lakehead University top of mind with the counsellors as we showcase and explain what we offer our students, and provide event participants with the opportunity to meet with us and ask questions so that they can best assist their students with making their university choices.



Raag-Rung Music donates to Lakehead student scholarships

Thank you to Professor Emeritus Dr. Inder Nirdosh and the Raag-Rung Music Circle Executive for their recent \$2,000 donation to Lakehead student scholarships. Raag-Rung has donated over \$25,000 to Lakehead student scholarships since 2006.

Dr. Nirdosh is a passionate supporter of Lakehead University and has also personally contributed to furthering the opportunities and success of many students over years. We are so grateful for all of his support!



Academic Excellence

NOSM and Lakehead receives \$330k from Ontario Human Capital Research and Innovation Fund

Researchers from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) and Lakehead University are receiving more than \$330,000 from the Ontario Human Capital Research and Innovation Fund (OHCRI) for projects that will benefit health-care workers and immigrants.

Dr. Erin Cameron, Dr. Diana Uranijik, Dr. Brianne Wood and John Hogenbirk have received \$250,000 from the OHCRI. Their study, Working models for human capital planning in Northern Ontario: a model for the primary healthcare workforce, will focus on human capital planning in Northern Ontario's primary care sector.

On another project, Dr. Kathy Sanderson and her team are receiving \$83,093 for research that examines how community and organizational welcoming affects the retention and recruitment of new immigrants.

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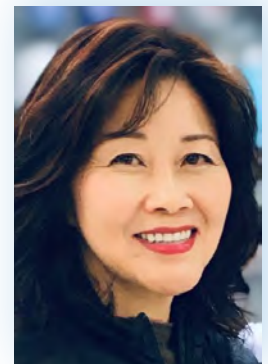
Royal Society of Canada inducts Pauline Sameshima into College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

The Royal Society of Canada (RSC) and its members have included Lakehead University's **Dr. Pauline Sameshima** among the incoming class of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

Dr. Sameshima, Canada Research Chair in Arts Integrated Studies and Professor in the Faculty of Education, is one of 50 new Members of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, which includes top mid-career leaders in Canada.

The College provides the RSC with a multi-generational capacity to help Canada and the world address major challenges and seize new opportunities including those identified in emerging fields.

Dr. Sameshima is the second Lakehead professor to be included in the incoming class of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. The RSC inducted Dr. Chris Mushquash, from Psychology, into the class in 2017. Recognition by the RSC is the highest honour an individual can achieve in the Arts, Social Sciences and Sciences.





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Dr. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio publishes new book

Congratulations to Assistant Professor (School of Nursing) and Director (Centre for Health Care Ethics), **Dr. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio** on the publication of her new book entitled *Health Care Ethics through the Lens of Moral Distress*. The book is her first peer-reviewed monograph and was published on August 28, 2020 by Springer International (see www.springer.com/book/9783030561550).

Set against the context of a Canadian nursing perspective, she positions health-care providers as 'wounded healers' and acknowledges their suffering amidst the messiness of everyday ethical issues in various practice settings. As such, this is a timely publication in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

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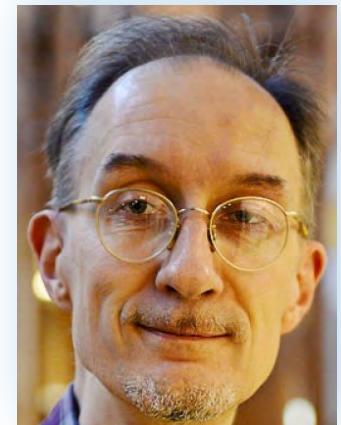


Announcing the new Finnish Chair

The Finnish Chair Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Aappo Kähönen** as the 10th Lakehead University Chair in Finnish Studies. He is an expert on foreign policy, as well as national state- and border building with a particular emphasis on Soviet-Finnish relations. Dr. Kähönen has taught a wide variety of courses at University of Helsinki, and has given courses in University of Warsaw and in Moscow Lomonosov University (MGU).

Dr. Kähönen will be in Thunder Bay until the end of April. During his time at Lakehead University, he will be conducting a research project entitled "Mobilization, Participation and State relation: Case of a Finnish Community in Canada, 1900–1960." He will be collecting data on the role of religious, social and political activities, providing a means of participation in the Canadian society for Finnish Canadians.

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Lakehead professors receiving more than \$73k for COVID-19 research

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada has granted more than \$73,000 to Lakehead University professors for important research related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These Partnership Engage Grants will allow research teams to work for approximately one year on their projects.

Dr. Rebecca Schiff, Associate Professor and Chair of Health Sciences, is receiving \$24,740 to examine the unique challenges of addressing homelessness in rural and remote Canada during a pandemic. The primary research partner for this project, National Alliance to End Rural and Remote Homelessness, is a sub-alliance with the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, which leads a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Canada. Until recently, there was little acknowledgement that homelessness existed in rural and remote areas in Canada.

Dr. Kathy Kortes-Miller, Assistant Professor in Social Work, is receiving \$24,512 to explore the experience of family caregivers of Ontario residents in long-term care (LTC) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Kortes-Miller, who is also the Associate Director of the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health, will work with CanAge: Canada's National Seniors' Advocacy Organization to increase knowledge about the questions, concerns, and expectations that family and friends have of LTC, the health system and social support networks.

Dr. Karl Skogstad, Assistant Professor in Economics, is receiving \$24,305 to learn more about the economic impact of COVID-19 on the economy of Ontario's northern regions.

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TALL Muskoka Launched

The Department of Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning at Lakehead University Orillia is pleased to announce the launch of Third Age Learning Lakehead (TALL) Muskoka. Beginning on October 22, over 30 people have already signed up for the program.

Designed to provide creative and thought-provoking educational opportunities to adult learners in Orillia and surrounding area, TALL offers those over 50 years of age the chance to participate in interesting and creative education opportunities without the quizzes, grades and prerequisites.

Learn more about TALL here...

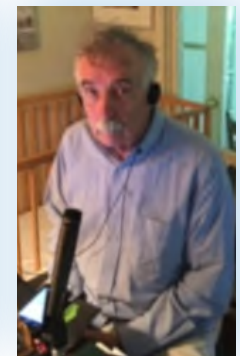


Lakehead's CERAH receiving \$127k to grow the Dementia Dialogue podcast

Lakehead University's Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health is receiving more than \$127,000 to market and grow a podcast about dementia, thanks to the Government of Canada's Dementia Community Investment fund.

One of the greatest tools that we have to combat stigma and discrimination is stories," said **Dr. Elaine Wiersma**, Director, Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health. **David Harvey**, host of the Dementia Dialogue Podcast Network, said listeners range from people living with dementia to those caring for someone with the disorder.

Funding will help CERAH increase production, enhance marketing, reach more regions, produce French episodes, and engage diverse communities.



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Social Responsibility

Breaking Barriers to Indigenous Entrepreneurship

On October 28, *Ingenuity* presenting *Breaking the Barriers to Indigenous Entrepreneurship* featuring Brian Ritchie and Terry Copenace.

Brian Ritchie is an Indigenous entrepreneur and graduate of Lakehead's Mechanical Engineering program in 1984. He also earned an MBA from Lake Superior State University. Brian is the director of three Indigenous business development corporations and is a trustee on the Chapleau Cree Community Trust. Brian has worked with global technology companies Oracle, Ericsson and ZTE. Brian is the founder, CTO and CEO of Kama.AI, a software company that supplies a patented form of "Designed Emotional Intelligence" to chatbots, smart speakers and other AI platforms.

Terry Copenace is a member of Big Grassy First Nation and has worked for RBC for eight years. Terry began his role as a Commercial Account Manager, Indigenous Markets, in 2017. His clientele includes First Nation communities and Indigenous organizations in Northwestern Ontario. His primary purpose is to provide business advice and financing solutions for a wide range of community and organizational needs.

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Local and Global Partnerships

Lakehead University researcher studying the use of body-worn cameras with Guelph Police



Dr. Alana Saulnier, an Assistant Professor in Interdisciplinary Studies at Lakehead University, is receiving a \$25,000 Partnership Engage Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to collaborate with Guelph Police to contribute to the overall knowledge surrounding body-worn cameras (BWC).

Dr. Saulnier will use the funds to complete a suite of three projects over one year, with each project contributing to the overall goal of building evidence related to police use of BWCs in Canada by addressing the following research questions:

- Does using BWCs enhance public perceptions of police following a traffic stop?
- What concerns do victims have with BWCs and what policies might address these concerns?
- Does BWC-use increase pro-prosecution resolutions of Provincial Offences Act tickets?

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Lakehead University and Health Research Institute team exploring new diagnostic drugs for cancer

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has provided a Lakehead University and Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute team with a \$98,655 grant to develop new drugs that will help prevent, diagnose and manage cancer.

In Canada, cancer is the leading cause of death, which is why Dr. Jinqiang Hou, an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Lakehead University and Research Chair at the Health Research Institute, believes an effective diagnostic method would improve the quality of life of many people while reducing health-care costs.

While a biopsy is the only way to diagnose most types of cancer with any level of certainty, biopsies are invasive. Dr. Hou and his team are exploring a non-invasive detection method known as Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging.

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CALAREO Consortium signs MOU with six universities in Querétaro

On October 7, the Canada and Latin America Research and Exchange Opportunities (CALAREO) Consortium, represented by Dr. Moira McPherson and Dr. Andrew P. Dean, signed an MOU for cooperation with 6 technical and polytechnic universities in the Mexican state of Querétaro. The virtual signing event, hosted by the Embassy of Canada in Mexico City, was attended by the Canadian Ambassador, Graeme C. Clark, the Minister of Education from the State of Querétaro, José Alfredo Botello Montes, and representatives from the Querétaro universities.



The signing of the MOU was the preliminary event to a series of B2B meetings on October 8 between the Canadian members of CALAREO and the universities in Querétaro. The State of Querétaro, adjacent to the State of Mexico in the centre of the country, has a strong economy, including investment from Canadian companies (e.g. Bombardier), thanks in part to the recent development of the higher education sector to meet industry demand for skilled workers. The partnership has strategic value for both sides for student exchange, internships, and research partnerships, particularly in engineering and applied research.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

A busy fall semester for *Ingenuity*, Lakehead's student business incubator

Since the start of the Fall Semester, Ingenuity has hosted 4 virtual workshops, providing a variety of information related to entrepreneurship.

The first was hosted by our Community Partner, Conseil De La Cooperation De L'Ontario (CCO) and was focused on social entrepreneurship by discussing the various models and examples of what social entrepreneurship means, and how students can create an impact through the start of this type of business. *Ingenuity's* second and third workshops were an engaging two-part series about the process of taking your business idea to the next step, and what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur in any industry. Lastly, *Ingenuity* engaged another community partner, PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise, for a discussion on women's entrepreneurship and available funding programs for women-led businesses.