

INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

2022 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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Eagle Feather Bearer outside Convocation Hall (photo by Johnny Guatto)

PROGRESS ON ANSWERING THE CALL *WECHEEHETOWIN*

With a full return to campus, 2022 brought our communities back together after many years of separation and isolation.



First Nations House Indigenous Student Services (photo by Aaron Mason)

Progress achieved under the six themes identified:

- Institutional Support and Guidance
- Indigenous Spaces
- Indigenous Faculty and Staff
- Indigenous Curriculum
- Ethical Conduct and Community Relationships
- Indigenous Students and Indigenous Co-Curricular Education



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Institutional Support and Guidance



Kaeliana Smoke (photo by Lisa Sakulensky)

- The Office of Indigenous Initiatives Restructuring, UTM
- Eagle Feather Bearer Introduced to U of T Convocation
- Special Advisor on Indigenous Rematriation, UTM
- Special Advisor on Indigenous Initiatives, UTSC
- The University of Toronto Honorary Doctorate, UTSG

- John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, First Peoples Leadership Advisory Group, UTSG
- John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, Decanal Advisor on Indigenous Knowledge, UTSG
- Temerty Faculty of Medicine: Newly Established Circles at Temerty



Eagle Feather (photo by Polina Teif)



Students, staff and faculty gather at the UTM Tipi raising

Indigenous Spaces

- Renovations at First Nations House and Centre for Indigenous Studies, UTSG
- Indigenous Garden, UTSC
- Tipi Raising, UTM
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Office Opening, UTM
- Opening of Indigenous Gathering Space, UTM
- Indigenous Students Tell Their Stories Through Art; Collaborative Mural Creation, UTSC



Every Child Matters (photo by Brittney Jaikaran)

Indigenous Faculty and Staff



Dr. John Borrows
(Chippewa of the Nawash First Nation)

Professor and
Loveland Chair,
Faculty of Law

Chadwick Cowie
**(Pamitaashkodeyong,
Hiawatha First Nation)**

Department of
Political Science

Dr. Ryan Giroux
(Métis Nation of Alberta)

Postgraduate Medical Education
Indigenous Health Lead,
Temerty
Faculty of Medicine

Shane Kelsey

Indigenous Engagement
Coordinator,
Hart House



First Nations House Indigenous Student Services Teaching Lodge

Indigenous Curriculum

- New Courses Containing Indigenous Content
 - **EDS358H1**: Residential Schools and Education in Canada
 - **EMT2155**: Engaging the Spirit: Indigenous Theological Worldviews
 - **CHL5525H**: Indigenous Social Determinants of Health
 - **HMB226H1**: Indigenous Holistic Health
 - Department of Anthropology: new course on Indigenous Archaeologies
- Curriculum Review, UTSC
- Centre for Indigenous Studies – Change in Status



From left to right: Pamela Klassen, Cara Krmpotich, Mikinaak Migwans, Alan Ojiig Corbiere, Bradley Clements and James Migwans at Manitou Rapids, Rainy River First Nations
(photo courtesy of GRASAC)

Ethical Conduct and Community Relationships

- Ziibiing Lab: An International Indigenous Politics Collaboratory, UTSG
- Relations on the Land: A Hub for Community Engaged Research and Teaching with Indigenous Partners
- Itzaj Language Revitalization

Indigenous Students and Indigenous Co-Curricular Education

- Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Tri-Campus
- Virtual tour of the Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School, the Woodlands Cultural Centre
- Hosting of the International Workshop on Birchbark, UTM
- Indigenous Community Gathering, Hart House Farm
- Drum Social, UTM



Indigenous staff, faculty, librarian and student gathering at Hart House Farm, Fall 2022

Next Steps, Looking Forward



Staff and Students raise the First Nations House Teaching Lodge
(photo by Aaron Mason)

- Indigenous Identity Verification Process
- Indigenous House Construction, UTSC
- Student Designed Artwork: Orange Shirt Day T-Shirt
- NAISA 2023 Tkaronto Conference
- Office of Indigenous Initiatives: Expansion of Offerings for Cultural Competency Training
- Indigenous Student Advisory Circle, Office of Indigenous Initiatives, Tri-campus
- Ziibiing (formerly the Indigenous Landscape at Taddle Creek project)



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