



UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO

Office of Indigenous  
Initiatives

# 2023 Annual Progress Report

Office of the Vice-President & Provost  
Office of the Vice-President People Strategy, Equity & Culture



# PROGRESS ON ANSWERING THE CALL *WECHEEHETOWIN*

This past year, we balanced highs and lows as we navigated global traumas and local challenges with huge accomplishments and celebratory moments. Indigenous communities both inside and outside of the University of Toronto came together to demonstrate strength and resilience and to honour and commemorate our many accomplishments.



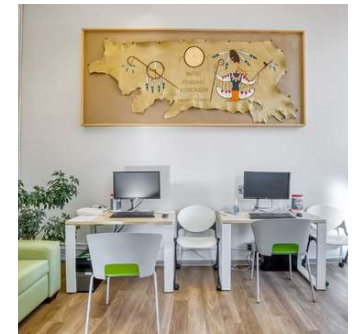
Progress achieved under the six themes identified:

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

# INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE



- Indigenous Tuition Initiative
- Indigenous Student Advisory Circle, Office of Indigenous Initiatives
- Orange Shirt Day Design Contest – Student-Designed Artwork by MJ Singleton
- Indigenous Learning Series – Certification of Completion



# INDIGENOUS SPACES

- Ziibiing: The Indigenous Landscape Project Opens
- Acknowledging the land: Simcoe Hall and several other exhibits and art were added at John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, Accessibility Services, the Art Museum, and more
- Indigenous Place-Making, UTSC
- Leave Your Mark – UTM Collaborative Mural
- Sacred Medicine Garden, Faculty of Law
- Ceremonial structures were added to UTM (lodge), UTSC (tipi), and Hart House Farm



# INDIGENOUS FACULTY AND STAFF



- **Dr. Laurie Rousseau-Nepton**, Pekuakamiulnuatsh/Innu of Mashteuiatsh; Assistant Professor, David A. Dunlap Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
- **Dr. Tricia McGuire-Adams**, Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek; Associate Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
- **Dr. Sofia Locklear**, Lumbee; Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
- **Delaney Thomas**, Six Nations of the Grand River, Seneca Nation, Bear Clan; Community Engagement Coordinator, Indigenous Access & Inclusion, UTM Centre for Student Engagement
- **Jessica Tabak**, Neyaashiinigiing and band member to the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation; Special Projects Officer, Office of Indigenous Initiatives Mississauga
- **Roxanne Skye**, Gayogoho:no from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory; Indigenous Communities Liaison, Indigenous Research Network

# INDIGENOUS CURRICULUM

- New Courses Available at the University:

**ANT325H1:** Indigenous Archaeologies

**VIC 108:** Belonging, Imagination and Indigenous Identity

**JPS316H1:** Indigenous Feminist and Queer Theories

**POL444H1:** Land and Indigenous Politics

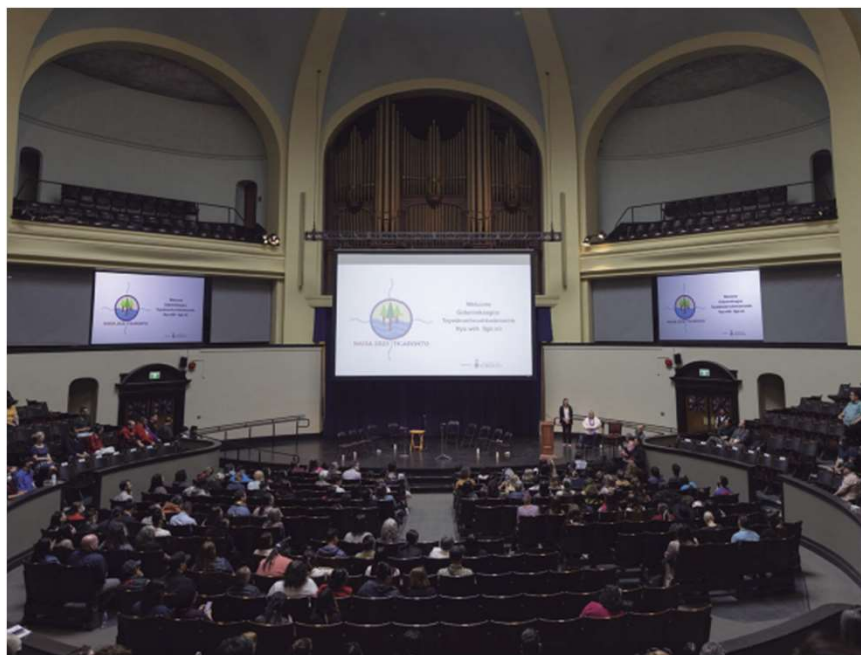
**LAW710H1F:** Indigenous Law in Context: Intensive (a three-day, land-based course)

**LAW108H1S:** First Year: Indigenous Peoples and the Law

**SWK4804H:** Special Studies 4: Critical Social Work Analysis with Indigenous Peoples



# ETHICAL CONDUCT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS



- NAISA 2023 Tkaronto
- 2023 Indigenous Community Gathering
- Ziibiing Lab Lunch & Learns



# INDIGENOUS STUDENTS AND INDIGENOUS CO-CURRICULAR EDUCATION



- Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Tri-Campus
- First Nations House 30th Anniversary Celebration
- All-Nations Powwow – University of Toronto Mississauga
- Indigenous Regalia & Fashion Show
- Maamawi: Tattoo Gathering
- Snowshoeing and Anishinaabemowin Storytelling
- Traditional Food & Sovereignty Workshop
- Identity Through an Indigenous Lens: Clan Systems & 2SLGBTQ+ People
- Sweetgrass Series: A Holistic Framework for Academic Success
- Manitoulin Island First Nations – Student Experiential Learning
- Past-Present-Future: Hart House Farm Art Residency
- Remapping the Campus Through Contemporary Indigenous Artworks



## NEXT STEPS, LOOKING FORWARD



- Opening of Indigenous House, UTSC
- Institutional Ceremonies Commitment Statement
- Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy – Certificate in Indigenous Health
- Indigenous Research Network – Strategic Plan Launch with New Managing Director
- Indigenous Languages Revitalization Partnership Coordinator – Faculty of Arts & Science
- Indigenous First-Entry Recruitment, Admissions, and Outreach Committee (IFRAOC)