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Tansi, Cousins!

Summer seemed to fly right by, hey?

Make sure to take some time to enjoy the next few weeks of summer before we get back into the swing of things.

I've been cooking up some exciting workshops/events for this term! I can't wait to see you all! Kicking things off this Thursday we have:

COUSINS Presents: Free Outdoor Family Movie Night

The Princess Bride

When: August 14th, 8PM

Where: Outside of Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

Cash concession on site, bring your own chair and/or blanket to sit on. [Register for a free popcorn voucher!](#)

COUSINS Virtual Meet-Up

When: August 21st, 12PM - 1PM

Join us online for a casual circle to network, share your challenges and wins, and set personal goals in a supportive, kinship-based environment.

[Register](#) in advance for this meet-up. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

COUSINS In-Person Meet-Up

When: August 19th, 12PM - 1PM

Where: Outside Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre (weather permitting, otherwise indoors at Gordon Oakes)

Last Chance! | Marianne Nicolson

T̓awi'stalis̓ala (To Walk Around the World): Reclaiming the Intangible

When: May 16 - August 15, 2025

Where: College Art Galleries

Marianne Nicolson advocates for Indigenous ancestral land rights and to preserve the sacred rituals of her community in Gwa'yí (Kingcome Inlet, British Columbia). This exhibition explores Marianne Nicolson's multi-disciplinary practice, including painting, installation, photography and engagement with museum archives, conceptually employing reverse appropriation to privilege Indigenous perspectives. She asserts, "My hope is that through this process of expression, the ideas remain alive and that others can experience their value. I do this because I believe that Indigenous worldviews can benefit all peoples, in particular, our notions of community connection to one another and to the land."

Whitecap Dakota Nation Competition Pow Wow

When: August 27 & 28

Where: Sasktel Centre

Grand entry at 12PM and 7PM. Free admission!

COUSINS (Sun) Setting Intentions

When: September 17th, 1PM - 2:30PM

Start the new term off in a good way! Participants will learn about our plant kin in the College of Law Indigenous Medicine Garden through the creation of a cyanotype focused on a positive intention. They will leave with an artwork that they can reflect on when they need a little extra grounding.

This workshop has three parts:

1. Students set an intention for the school year and write it down on a transparent sheet.
2. Our Elder gives a short teaching on harvesting plants, medicines in the garde, and how they can help us approach our work in a good way.
3. Students gather leaves and other materials from the garden and arrange them on cyanotype paper around their written intention. The plants and writing are exposed on the photoreactive paper (5-15) minutes. They are then rinsed with water to set the image. Once the paper is dried, the image is permanent.

[Register here.](#)

Panel | *Coming to Know Indigenous Research in the University*

When: October 27th, 11AM - 12PM

Where: Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

Speakers: Drs. Margaret Kovach, Monty Montgomery, and Shawn Wilson from the University of British Columbia

In Canada and around the world, a new wave of researchers are applying Indigenous methodologies in order to address some of the world's greatest challenges. Yet despite these methodologies becoming more widely accepted and utilized by researchers of diverse backgrounds, there continues to be gaps in recognizing the rigour and applicability of Indigenous reserach. Through discussion amongst a group of Indigenous scholars, this event will offer new insights into how Indigenous research can be better understood and supported in the university. It will encourage audience members to consider how they have come to know Indigenous research in their own work, and how they might help advance more nourishing spaces for Indigenous researchers to thrive.

Following this event, we invite Indigenous graduate students to join us for a sharing circle (lunch included) to discuss their needs as students and what challenges they face in their graduate journeys.

[Register here.](#)

Survey | *A Study of Indigenous Graduate Student Support Experiences (Western Canada)*

Indigenous scholars Drs. Margaret Kovach (UBC-V), Monty Montgomery (UBC-V), Shawn Wilson (UBC-O), and PhD Candidate Lindsay DuPré (UBC-O) have reached out to collaborate on a project researching the impacts of Indigenous graduate student supports. After completing a similar study in B.C., they are now focusing on Alberta and Saskatchewan and wish to reach out to Indigenous graduate students who have taken graduate courses at the University of Saskatchewan.

They wish to learn:

- If, and how, Indigenous graduate student support programs and/or activities are helpful in assisting Indigenous students to successfully complete their graduate degrees.
- If, and how, these Indigenous graduate student support programs influence whether Indigenous graduate students see themselves as future university professors.

If you are interested in receiving the link to the survey, [fill out this form](#) and I will email it to you when it is available.

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