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From Our Co-Presidents

Greetings USRA Members,



These are exciting times for the USRA as we prepare to host the annual conference of the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada on May 31-June 2! In addition, CURAC will celebrate its 20th Anniversary with delegates on the afternoon of June 1. Help us extend some western hospitality at the social events, the Welcome Reception and the Banquet. The Local Organizing Committee has arranged an excellent lineup of speakers. Please plan to attend the Conference to renew friendships with colleagues past and make new ones.



Our **USRA Awards Committee** members, Bryan Harvey, Judith Henderson and Merry, encourage you to nominate colleagues for the USRA Prime of Life Achievement and Continuing Contribution awards. The **Honorary Degrees Committee** of the Board of USRA solicits suggestions from the membership for recipients of Honorary Doctor of Science, Laws, Civil Laws or Letters.

If you know of any USask alumni who deserve public recognition for their career accomplishments, impact on their community or commitment to USask, please consider nominating them for an **Alumni Achievement Award!** The Alumni and External Engagement team is more than willing to provide you with support to submit a nomination (deadline May 15, 2023). The online nomination form and terms of reference as well as profiles of previous recipients are on the [Alumni and Friends website](#). Congratulations again to USRA member Dr. Bob Calder who received the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022.



SAVE THE DATE – April 18, 2023 at 5:30 pm Merlis Belsher Place

USRA members are invited to be a part of the official launch of the **Be What the World Needs** campaign for the University of Saskatchewan – a bold initiative that will enhance USask’s impact locally, nationally and globally and address the world’s most complex issues.

Two excellent speakers are lined up for April and May at our monthly noon hour luncheon presentations at the Western Development Museum. Our 2022/23 season will wind-up at the Spring Evening Buffet, to be held at Louis Loft on June 14 where once again we hope to welcome many new retirees.

All our board and committee members work hard to achieve our goals, and Jim and Merry extend thanks to them. As always, please send us your ideas, comments and questions. You can reach us by [email](#), phone 306-966-6618 or post. Wishing you healthy and happy Spring and Summer ahead!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Thornhill and Merry Beazely
Co-Presidents, USRA

USRA Hosting 2023 National CURAC Conference

Local Organizing Committee: Bryan Harvey (Chair), Merry Beazely, Eileen Harvey, Tom Wilson (Conference Treasurer), Murray Scharf and Rick Schwier

May 31-June 2, 2023 will be the first in-person CURAC Conference since the onset of COVID. We are looking forward to face-to-face interaction with colleagues from across the country. Come to **enjoy and help** provide western hospitality and renew networks.

The **CURAC AGM** will kick off the Conference on the afternoon of May 31 followed that evening with a **Welcome Reception**. Meet delegates and special guests and enjoy exceptional appetizers catered by Marquis Culinary Centre.



June 1 afternoon will mark a special time when CURAC celebrates its **20th Anniversary**. Come and enjoy a Fireside Chat with The Honourable Roy Romanow, former Premier and Eric Cline, former Minister of Health for our Province; learn about CURAC's "Early Beginnings" and its "20-Year Milestone"; and find out "Where We Are; What's Next: Brainstorming." These sessions will be moderated by Ginette Lamontagne, CURAC Conference Chair. And we've arranged scrumptious nutritious breaks plus lunch on June 1.

On evening of June 1 the **Awards Banquet** will be another time to mingle, have a fine meal, followed by sharing the 20th Anniversary cake and attend the CURAC Awards Ceremony.

The theme of the Conference is **The New World** (post-pandemic). Murray, Rick and Bryan have fashioned an excellent series of forward-looking presentations, relevant to post-secondary education and presented by experts from our University. They include:

- The New World of Higher Education: The Pandemic, Digital Technology, and Change
- The New World: Societal Changes – Canadian Political Schisms or Rhythms
- The New World: Research and Development – Food Developments with Focus on Plant Proteins; Rare Earth Developments; and Small Modular Reactors
- The New World of Health Services: A Status and Change Report; VIDO, Its Role, Current Efforts, and the Future

Registration information, agenda and program are printed at the end of the newsletter.

Note that April 15 is the deadline for the full conference early registration discount.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of **University Relations** who is providing much in-kind support to help us with this conference.

If you would like to **volunteer** during the Conference, please [email](#) us or phone 306-966-6618.

We know that many of you were able to enjoy the USRA tour of the lovely [Patterson Garden Arboretum](#) last spring. With thanks to Board member Beryl Radcliffe, we offer a post-Conference tour on June 2 from 2:30-3:30. If you are not able to attend the Conference but would like to join us on the June 2 tour, please email merry.beazely@usask.ca by **May 24**. There is no charge. This tour is a couple of weeks later than our USRA tour last spring so we hope to see new growth and many blossoms.

Upcoming Launch of Largest Campaign in University's History

Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 pm, Merlis Belcher Place



President Peter Stoicheff and Cheryl Hamelin, Vice-President University Relations, cordially invite all USRA members, and indeed all retirees, to attend the launch of the ***Be What the World Needs*** campaign. We hope that you can be there to hear from Peter and Cheryl that *“as we look ahead to this exciting time (in the University’s history), we are determined to lead the country in critical research in our many areas of excellence and expand our role and reputation as a world leader as we confront humanity’s greatest challenges.”*

You will have a chance to learn more about how you can support specific projects and areas of interest that inspire you, and where you can make a difference. And, Peter and Cheryl extend sincere thanks for former and current support of retirees.

Education, Social and Recreation Events April - June 2023

Education, Social and Recreation Committee: Caroline Cottrell (Chair), Merry Beazely, Mary Dykes, Beryl Radcliffe, Jim Thornhill

Mark your calendars for the dates of upcoming noon-hour luncheon and speaker series at Saskatchewan Hall, Western Development Museum. Check your email inbox (and sometimes junk folder!) for invitations to attend our luncheon presentations roughly 7-10 days before the date, and RSVP. Or, you can leave a message on our office phone (306) 966-6618, roughly one week ahead of the date if you want to attend.

Doors open at 11:30 for all luncheons. Luncheon menu and cost will be included with the invitation. Pay at the door by cash, cheque, e-transfer.

Tuesday, April 18

[Alec Aitken](#)

Professor and Professional Geoscientist
Faculty Member in Geography and Planning
Associate Member in Archaeology and Anthropology
Environmental Change in the Circumpolar North: Outlook for a Changing Arctic



Wednesday, May 17

[Dean McNeill](#)

Department Head & Professor of Music

JAZZ



Our last event of the season is the **Spring Evening Buffet** where we welcome new retirees for 2022/23. It will be held on Wednesday, June 14 indoors at Louis' Loft. (The deck is closed for roof repairs on the MUB.) Details will be sent by email and print flyer in May.

The Education, Social and Recreation Committee welcomes your suggestions for future speakers and presentation topics. Phone 306-966-6618 or [email](#).

It's Awards Season: Calls for Nominations

USRA Awards

Awards Committee: Merry Beazely (Chair), Bryan Harvey, Judith Henderson

The USRA is calling for nominations for the **Prime of Life Achievement Award** and the **Continuing Contribution Award**. These two awards recognize USask retirees who have continued to contribute to their academic discipline, to the University or to the wider community after their retirement. Retirees are anyone who has retired from any staff position at the University of Saskatchewan and its federated and affiliated colleges, including staff employed under research grants and contracts.

Criteria for these awards and nomination forms for them are available on the USRA website [Award Descriptions and Forms](#). If you know of anyone worthy of these awards, please complete a nomination form and send it to one of the addresses on the form. Nominations can be submitted at any time; submissions received by **July 31** will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and awarded when we hold our next USRA Awards Banquet (traditionally held in late September each year).

USask Honorary Degrees

Honorary Degrees Committee: Tom Wilson (Chair), Merry Beazely, Bryan Harvey, Judith Henderson, Asit Sarkar

HELP WANTED

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Board of USRA solicits suggestions from the membership for candidates deserving of Honorary Doctor of Science, Laws, Civil Laws or Letters. We forward our suggestions to the University Secretary and the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee. They are taken seriously as evidenced by our six successful nominees: Ali Rajput, David Carpenter, Joy Kogawa, That Ngo, Wilf Keller, and our own Bryan Harvey. For information on the nomination process, see [Guidelines For Honorary Degrees](#).

Please send your suggestions to Tom Wilson thomas.wilson@usask.ca.

Two Drinks a Week?

Tom Wilson, Professor Emeritus, USask College of Medicine

Like many, I was surprised by the recent publication of Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health (Paradis, C., Butt, P., Shield, K., Poole, N., Wells, S., Naimi, T., Sherk, A., & the Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines Scientific Expert Panels. (2023). *Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health: Final Report*. Ottawa, Ont.: Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction). Co-authored and co-chaired by our own Dr. Peter Butt, the 89-page report* is a major change from the 2011 guidelines. It pivots from urging us to avoid high risk drinking to advocating low risk drinking. Specifically, it recommends we consume two or fewer standard drinks per week, down from 15 for men and 10 for women.

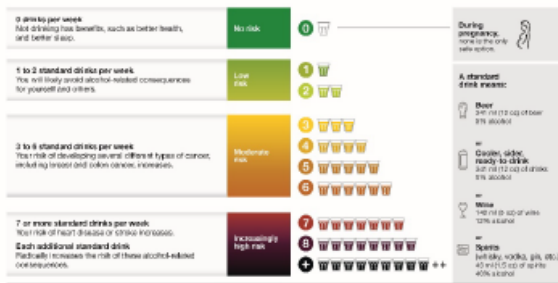
Drinking less is better

We now know that even a small amount of alcohol can be damaging to health.

Science is evolving, and the recommendations about alcohol use need to change. Research shows that no amount or kind of alcohol is good for your health. It doesn't matter what kind of alcohol it is—wine, beer, cider or spirits. Drinking alcohol, even a small amount, is damaging to everyone, regardless of age, sex, gender, ethnicity, tolerance for alcohol or lifestyle. That's why if you drink, it's better to drink less.

Alcohol consumption per week

Drinking alcohol has negative consequences. The more alcohol you drink per week, the more the consequences add up.



2023 guidelines

2011 guidelines



Image size reduced for 2023 guidelines. See [full-size version](#) published in report.

The recommendation is based on evidence that moderate alcohol consumption leads to excess mortality, higher cancer incidence, and more lower respiratory infections (pneumonia, tuberculosis), while denying any beneficial effects. The authors state that previous work suggesting that moderate alcohol consumption reduces cardiovascular disease has been supplanted by studies showing minimal or no effect. I have the following comments:

1. While the literature search is exhaustive, it suffers from the lack of high quality evidence: i.e. randomized clinical trials. It is ethically unacceptable to assign one group of people to low risk drinking and another to larger amounts. Therefore we depend on observational studies which by general agreement are low or moderate quality¹. This means that "conclusions may be changed."
2. The tables showing an increase in risk of various diseases use percentage increases rather than absolute increases (p 30 and 31). The percentage increase is heavily dependent on the baseline (teetotaler) risk. An example: the incidence of tuberculosis in Saskatchewan people 65 and older is 2 per 100,000 per year². Women who consume 6 drinks per week (the new upper limit of moderate drinking) increase that risk by 26% to 2.52 per 100,000 per year. On the other hand the incidence of breast cancer in women 50-74 is about 285/100,000 per year³. A 12.6% increase could mean up to 35 more cases per year. Note that these are diagnosed cases of breast cancer, not deaths from breast cancer. A surprising feature of the table for women is that diabetes diagnosis is lower in moderate drinkers compared with teetotalers! I'm unaware of any biologically plausible explanation for this.

3. It has long been agreed that heavy alcohol intake increases blood pressure, a risk factor for heart attacks and stroke (CVD). But some studies showed that moderate drinking reduces CVD⁴. The Guideline quotes studies showing that binge drinking but not regular drinking increases the risk of stroke⁵.
4. There is no mention of the risks of moderate drinking in seniors. The danger, to self and others, of drinking and driving are likely to be at least as great in seniors. Moreover, seniors are more likely to suffer collisions⁶ but alcohol use was *not* identified as a causal factor. Whether the risks of other diseases associated with alcohol are as great in seniors is unknown.
5. It's generally accepted that alcohol makes us feel better in the short term but may cause depression later.
6. A Guardian article referenced a study showing that couples who imbibed alcohol together are happier than those where one or both abstained!⁷

In summary, moderate drinking by seniors likely increases the risk of common disorders. Binge drinking (more than 4-5 drinks on one occasion) may heighten that risk. As one of the authors said: "If you can bear the moderate risk, enjoy your daily cocktail" (especially with a partner)!

Further reading

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* Read the full 89-page report online: [Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health: Final Report](#)

Did you know? Our sister organization, College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC), has a Health Care Policy Committee which includes among its members our very own **Dr. Tom Wilson**. The Committee publishes their annual reports and bulletins on topics such as chronic pain, medications, social isolation, opioids and more on the [CURAC website](#).

Members No Longer With Us

Judith Henderson

The USRA has learned of the deaths of the following members. We extend our sympathies to their families. Surviving partners of deceased Life Members may inherit their partner's membership if they wish to remain members of the Association. Please contact USRA via [email](#) or phone 306 966-6618 for further information.

Lawrence (Larry) Carroll Fowke (Toronto ON June 6, 1941-Saskatoon SK December 13, 2022) died peacefully surrounded by family at Keedwell Assisted Living. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Lynne (née Turner) and their children Vern, Christine, Jocelyn, seven grandchildren, as well as Larry's siblings Don Fowke and Lynn Tupper and families. Their parents Vernon and Helen and their sisters Nancy and Marilyn predeceased Larry. He enjoyed sharing the family cabin of his childhood at Wakaw Lake with others and exploring northern Saskatchewan. He was a gifted photographer and a music lover, playing saxophone in the Saskatoon Community Band and then learned the Didgeridoo. Like his father Dr. Vernon Fowke who was also a USask Professor and Royal Society of Canada Fellow, Larry chose a USask teaching and research career. Upon graduation from Nutana Collegiate, Larry earned a B.Sc. (USask, 1963) and a PhD (Carlton U, 1968), and then did a post-doctoral fellowship in Australia. During his 36 years as a USask biology professor, he became a leading world authority in cell biology, including work that led to new methods for propagating conifer trees using cell culture. He earned many honours, including the USask Distinguished Researcher Award and Fellow of the Royal Society, Canada's senior academic honour. He did sabbatical research in Australia, Switzerland, Sweden, and England. He authored more than 160 research papers and several books and remains highly cited. Larry served on the Board of the Saskatoon Chapter to search for a cure for Parkinson's Disease. Donations may be made in his memory to [Parkinson's Canada](#). A celebration of life will be held this summer (arrangements by Saskatoon Funeral Home).

William (Bill) Phillip Lampman (Hamilton ON February 18, 1920-Ottawa ON December 1, 2022) was raised on a farm near Sovereign and in Rosetown SK. He was predeceased by his wife of 69 years Margery Irene (née Docking) in 2017 and his daughter Brenda Weinrauch in 2009. He is survived by his sister Bette Milliken of Calgary AB, his daughter Judy Callingham, six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. After serving in the RCAF (1939-1945) as an armament instructor training thousands of airmen from many countries under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, Bill enrolled in Engineering at USask, farmed in the summers and having met his life mate at university in 1948, began his teaching career in Agricultural Engineering. Having earned a Master's (Iowa State U) in 1962, he returned to USask, retiring in 1985 from teaching and research, travelled with Margery, enjoyed summers at their cottage at Emma Lake, participated in many organizations and enjoyed many creative handicrafts. A Celebration of Life will be held this spring. See [Saskatoon Funeral Home](#) to reach family with condolences and stories.

Carol Morrell (Moncton NB December 11, 1944-Halifax NS November 30, 2022) was a Professor of English at USask (1985-2007) researching and teaching Post-Colonial and Canadian Literatures, women's writing, prose fiction and autobiography. She edited the anthology Grammar of Dissent and helped establish the first Department of Women's and Gender Studies at the University. She valued her work with graduate students on their M.A. theses and Ph.D. dissertations and helping them develop as Writing Center Tutors. Carol had worked in London, England in the 1970s as a free-lance journalist and editor and in Fredericton in the 1980s as General Manager of Goose Lane Editions. She earned her degrees in Canada: Honours English B.A. and Ph.D. from UNB and M.A. U Toronto and taught at both universities part time. She retired early from teaching at USask to relocate to Halifax, enjoy the arts, foreign travel and summers at her family cottage in Pointe-du-Chêne NB.

Verna N. Rielkoff (July 1, 1944-February 28, 2023) died at St. Paul's Hospital after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years Wally Rielkoff, her sister Elsie Thera, brother-in-law Brian (Dawn) Reilkoff, sisters-in-law Gale Rielkoff, Judith Cox and Margie Fulton and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Michael Strykiwsky and Ethel Pshebnesky, her stepmother Dora, her brothers John, Alexander, Tony, Sam, Harry, Walter and her sister Pauline Sawchyn. After schooling in Hudson Bay SK, Verna stayed near her siblings by working in the U.S. military mess hall in Churchill, studying hairdressing in Winnipeg and working in a drugstore in Kamsack. After meeting in 1965 and marrying Wally in Kamsack in 1966, in Saskatoon she worked in cosmetics at Hudson's Bay store, then as a Bank of Montreal teller (Sutherland) before beginning her 28-year career as a USask scholarship clerk. Together they enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Arizona and Las Vegas, summer lake life, visits and celebrations with her siblings and their children. To the end she enjoyed watching football and curling. There will be no service, but donations are welcome (especially to Sandra Schmirler Foundation), and a celebration of life will be planned at a later date. See complete obituary at [Mourning Glory](#).

Guy Tourigny (August 22, 1936-February 7, 2023) passed away peacefully at Seton Hospital in Calgary following complications from a stroke. He was surrounded by his loved ones until the end. Born in Ponteix, SK, Guy left home at age 16 to pursue his university education, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Ottawa (1955) and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at the University of Alberta (1960). He went on to complete his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Alberta (1967). He then completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1968, prior to joining the University of Saskatchewan as a faculty member from 1968 to 1998. Guy enjoyed his volunteer work for both the Commission Culturelle Fransaskoise and the Saskatchewan Community Initiatives Fund. He enjoyed a long retirement as an Emeritus Professor in Saskatoon prior to relocating to Calgary in October 2022. His favourite activities included researching his genealogy, visiting family, and spending time at the cabin cross-country skiing and sailing. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, his four children Mike (Brenda), Sue (Carey), Rob (Sheri) and Lise (Kevin) and six grandchildren (Maya, Sara, Jen, Spencer, Eric, and Gabrielle).

For notices in memory of former employees of the University, as well as current students, employees, and others honoured when the flag on the Thorvaldson Building is flown at half mast, please see the [In Memoriam website](#) maintained by the University Secretary.

Tributes To Retirees

In this new feature of our newsletter, we invite members to send their tributes to any deceased USask retiree. You may want to share your personal memories of a colleague who was already mentioned in Members No Longer With Us, or pay tribute to someone who did not join USRA. Please send submissions by [email](#).

Kathleen Booth a former USask faculty member, Kathleen (Britten) Booth, passed away in Sooke, B.C. on September 29, 2022 at the age of 100 years. She was predeceased by her husband Andrew Donald Booth (died November 29, 2009) who served as Dean of Engineering from 1962 to 1972. In addition to being a founding member of USask's Department of Computer Science, Kathleen is celebrated in Britain's National Computing Museum for her pioneering work with Andrew at Birkbeck College, University of London, where they designed and built a series of innovative low-cost computers working with a team much smaller than those of their better-known contemporaries. In addition to these early computers the Booths are recognized for two lasting contributions: the first magnetic drum memory and Booth's algorithm for multiplying signed binary numbers in two's complement notation that's still used today in billions of computer processors all over the world. A more detailed account of Kathleen's life and

accomplishments, [Remembering a USask computing pioneer](#) by Chris Putnam, is published on the College of Arts and Sciences website. (*Tribute by Rick Bunt.*)

Rose-Anne McCrory (September 12, 1943 - December 19, 2022) might not have been well known in the university community but her contributions should be. Through her work as head of the Production Department in the Main Library, she has helped innumerable researchers. She assisted in creating the digital *Saskatchewan News Index* and *Indigenous Studies Portal*. Truda Koenig, who retired from the library after 31 years, says “Rose-Anne was my first real boss in my first real job. She instilled the importance of producing quality records to maintain the integrity of the catalogue and utilized a detailed and systematic approach to managing large scale data entry and retrospective clean-up projects way before “project management” was even a thing! She created a team environment in the Production Department by being a fair, approachable and respected role model. She took all of our joking and silliness good naturedly and there was always lots of camaraderie around the extravagant spreads of food that she provided ... I think the staff love affair with food in the library and especially Technical Services really did all begin with her!” And in case you didn’t know, Rose-Anne is the woman who was serenaded by Johnny Cash in his song, *Girl in Saskatoon*. Family, friends, and the many people who worked with Rose-Anne in the Library will remember her effortless elegance, her astute mind, sharp wit and joyful approach to life. Read [Rose-Anne’s obituary](#) in the Star Phoenix. (*Tribute by Truda Koenig and Mary Dykes.*)

USask News and Announcements Online

Maybe you’re at the airport and your flight is ... delayed or you’re at the doctor’s office waiting for your appointment and the therapy dog has the day off. What can you read to keep yourself entertained? Why not catch up on some USask news online? Here are a few sites to bookmark:

- **Research News:** Check out the latest research news at <https://research.usask.ca/>. Big bonus on this site: you can register to receive the monthly online publication **Discovery Digest**. “Each month, we assemble a selection of research stories, news and events from across campus. It’s a glimpse into the record-smashing, risk-taking, difference-making our researchers are doing.”

Members on our email distribution list will have recently received the March issue of Discovery Digest from us. For the next three months we will email the new issue. If you want to continue receiving the Digest after June, please register by email.

- **News Overview and On Campus News:** Research, General, Colleges, Huskies, USask Unites. This USask news portal is available at <https://news.usask.ca/index.php>. (Retirees should be receiving OCN by email monthly.)
- **PAWS:** Daily announcements: For those members who continue to use a USask email account, log into PAWS at <https://paws5.usask.ca/> and select from the 27 categories of announcements you wish to see. Examples include university news, events, sports/huskies, and research studies.

Keep in Touch!

We welcome your letters to the editor.

Do you have an event you want to let other members know about? For example, recently we have advertised a book launch at McNally and an art installation at the Remai Modern. We are happy to pass on news about your event by email and in the newsletter. Please send information by email.

Moving? Changing your email address?

Don't miss an issue of our newsletter or the email notices about upcoming activities!
Make sure you send us your new contact information.

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College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) Annual Conference May 31-June 1

Registration Now Open

**Members can register online on [Eventbrite](#).
OR if unable to register online or need any help please phone 306-966-6618.**

Early Bird – Full registration	CA\$250.00 Sales end on Apr 15, 2023
Includes welcome reception, banquet, lunch on Thursday, early morning coffee/tea and refreshments at breaks. Early bird pricing is available until April 15, 2023. Price includes fees and applicable taxes.	
Early Bird – Partner Registration	CA\$175.00 Sales end on Apr 15, 2023
For partner accompanying a full registrant. Includes welcome reception, banquet, lunch on Thursday, early morning coffee/tea and refreshments at breaks. Early bird pricing is available until April 15, 2023. Price includes fees and applicable taxes.	
One Day Registration — June 1 Sessions 1 & 2	CA\$90.00 Sales end on May 30, 2023
One day registration includes lunch but not banquet. Price includes fees and applicable taxes.	
One Day Registration — June 2 Sessions 3 & 4	CA\$40.00 Sales end on May 30, 2023
Includes early morning coffee/tea and refreshments at breaks. Price includes fees and applicable taxes.	
Extra Banquet Ticket — June 1	CA\$65.00 Sales end on May 20, 2023
Price includes fees and applicable taxes.	
Full registration	CA\$290.00 Sales start on Apr 16, 2023
Includes welcome reception, banquet, lunch on Thursday, early morning coffee/tea and refreshments at breaks. Regular pricing is available until May 20, 2023. Price includes fees and applicable taxes.	
Partner Registration	CA\$225.00 Sales start on Apr 16, 2023

For partner accompanying a full registrant. Includes welcome reception, banquet, lunch on Thursday, early morning coffee/tea and refreshments at breaks. Regular pricing is available until May 20, 2023. Price includes fees and applicable taxes.

Latecomer – Full registration

CA\$325.00

Sales start on May 21, 2023

Includes welcome reception, banquet, lunch on Thursday, early morning coffee/tea and refreshments at breaks. Price includes fees and applicable taxes.

Agenda and Program

Times may change.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

1:30 PM CURAC Pre-Conference Board Meeting (for current CURAC Board, prior to holding AGM)

4:00 PM CURAC AGM (all registrants' welcome; CURAC delegates have voting privileges)

6:00-8:00 PM Welcome Reception

Thursday, June 1, 2023

8:30-10:00 AM Session 1

The New World of Higher Education: The Pandemic, Digital Technology, and Change.

Speakers: Nancy Turner, Paula MacDowell and Jay Wilson

i. Broad perspective of resultant changes in Higher Education - Vice Provost Nancy Turner

Dr. Nancy Turner, Director, Teaching and Learning Enhancement. Nancy's role as Director involves working in partnership with colleges/schools and other units to support the ongoing enhancement of learning and teaching, the development of positive student learning experiences and the provision of quality academic and professional development that enables both of these at the university.

ii. Teaching and Programme Delivery - Professor Paula McDougall, College of Education

Dr. Paula MacDowell, Assistant Professor, Curriculum Studies – Educational Technology and Design (ETAD). Paula is a design and technology specialist working on research and advocacy initiatives to empower children and youth through education and technology.

iii. Security in the Computer Age - Prof Jay Wilson, College of Education.

Dr. Jay Wilson, Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies. Professor Wilson's program of research centers on innovative learning design, online teaching and learning, and experiential learning assessment. Dr. Wilson works to support the understanding and growth of pre-service and in-service teachers and professors through his service and scholarship.

Thursday, June 1, 2023 (cont.)

10:30-12:00 Noon Session 2

The New World: Societal Changes – Canadian Political Schisms or Rhythms –

Speakers: Ken Coates and second speaker TBA.

Dr. Ken Coates is Professor and Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan, Fellow, Royal Society of Canada. He is also the [Macdonald-Laurier Institute](#)'s Senior Policy Fellow in Aboriginal and Northern Canadian Issues. Ken contributes regularly, through newspaper pieces and radio and television interviews, on contemporary discussions on northern, Indigenous, and technology-related issues.

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch at the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Centre

2:30 PM CURAC 20th Anniversary Celebration

Fireside Chat with The Honourable Roy Romanow, former Premier and Eric Cline, former Minister of Health, Province of Saskatchewan; learn about CURAC's "Early Beginnings" and its "20-Year Milestone"; and find out "Where We Are; What's Next: Brainstorming"; and Wrap-up. These sessions will be moderated by Ginette Lamontagne, CURAC Conference Chair.

6:00 PM Cocktails, Conference Banquet and CURAC Awards Program

Friday, June 2, 2023

8:30-10:00 AM Session 3

The New World: Research and Development

Speakers: Michael Nickerson, Jack Zhang and John Root

i. Food Developments with Focus on Plant Proteins – Michael Nickerson

Dr. Michael Nickerson, Acting Department Head (Food and Bioproduct Sciences) and Professor College of Agriculture and Bioresources, Ministry of Agriculture Strategic Research Program (SRP) Chair in Protein Quality and Utilization. Dr. Nickerson's program focuses heavily on graduate student training to meet employment gaps within the protein ingredient sector. Dr. Nickerson has been working on plant proteins for the past 16 years, examining fractionation, flavour reduction strategies, functionality and ingredient modification via processing. He works with primarily proteins from pulses, oilseeds and grains, as well as some alternative protein sources.

ii. Rare Earth Developments – Jack Zhang

Dr. Jack Zhang, Associate Vice-President, Strategic Technologies, Mining and Minerals, Saskatchewan Research Council. He has over 20 years of extensive industrial, engineering, operation and research experience. His main areas of focus include the processing of rare earth, uranium, potash and phosphate, rare metals, lithium, industrial minerals, as well as tailings/mine water/effluent treatment. At SRC, he has led and supervised numerous mineral processing, metallurgical testing, optimization and R&D projects for global clients.

iii. Small Modular Reactors – John Root

Dr. John Root, Executive Director, The Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, University of Saskatchewan. In 2011, Dr. Root established the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation Inc., a not-for-profit corporation with the purpose of placing Saskatchewan among global leaders of nuclear research, development and training through investment in partnerships with universities and industries for maximum societal and economic

benefits; and building a capacity for respectful conversations about nuclear power and small, modular reactors (SMRs), which may be deployed within a decade to reduce carbon emissions and achieve a cleaner energy future.

Friday, June 2, 2023 (cont.)
10:30-12:00 Noon Session 4

The New World of Health Services: A Status and Change Report – Anurag Saxena

Dr. Anurag Saxena is Professor and Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, at the College of Medicine. In addition to his clinical, administrative, and teaching responsibilities he is engaged in studying leadership in medical education and healthcare systems. He has been studying international medical graduates in Saskatchewan and will supply the government with a list of recommendations on how to make it easier for these grads to become doctors in the Province.

VIDO, its Role, Current Efforts, and the Future – Volker Gerdtz

Dr. Volker Gerdtz, Director and CEO of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization ([VIDO](#)) at the University of Saskatchewan, and Professor of Veterinary Microbiology. In 2002, he became a research scientist at VIDO and is currently the program leader of the Neonatal Immunization Program at VIDO and the scientific manager of an international project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Gerdtz' expertise is in the area of human and livestock vaccines, mucosal immunology, and vaccine delivery and formulation.

12:00 Noon CURAC Post-Conference Board Meeting and Lunch (for new CURAC Board, determined at AGM)

2:30-3:30 Post Conference Tour
Patterson Garden Arboretum

We know that many of you were able to enjoy the USRA tour of the lovely [Patterson Garden Arboretum](#) last spring. With thanks to Board member Beryl Radcliffe, we offer a post-conference tour. If you are not able to attend the Conference but would like to join us on the tour, please email merry.beazely@usask.ca by **May 24**. There is no charge. This tour is a couple of weeks later than our USRA tour last spring so we hope to see new growth and many blossoms.