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AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends

Office of Advancement



Lights! Camera! Action! in Alberta Like Never Before

Shooting the HBO series *The Last of Us* unequivocally changed the film industry in Alberta. But was it just a lucky blip or do we actually have the infrastructure to sustain this sector and grow it from a \$550-million industry to one worth \$1 billion? Thoughts and takes from Mayor Jyoti Gondek, who recently went to L.A. to meet studio executives, to local film producers and one of the key players behind the ever-expanding Rocky Mountain Film Studios.

Discover What's on the Books for our Future in Film

Alumni Exclusives



Ageism an Ingrained Reality for Women in the Workplace

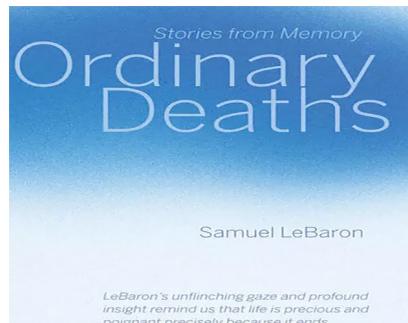
Professor Jenny Godley tackles the complex discussion of women and aging in social-cultural settings.

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Artists Behind the Arch Awards

Not all artists spent the pandemic making banana bread. Three illustrators of our annual Arch award recipients reflect on their processes and creativity and how the last two years have impacted them and their work.

[And yes, you can hire them](#)



Ordinary Deaths is Anything But

The new book by Samuel LeBaron, PhD, MD'89, is an introspective look at death and loss. Writing the book was a 15-year process made all the more poignant by the fact that LeBaron is, himself, dying. Two and a half years ago, LeBaron was diagnosed with stage-4 lung cancer.

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What's on Deck?



Social Innovation Week

Get a snapshot of UCalgary's vast social innovation ecosystem by attending an event in this jam-packed mashup, between now and Friday.

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Russian Disinformation in Canada

Join a panel of experts as they delve into the dissemination of propaganda to both the Russian people and the world. Find out what impact these campaigns have on the war in Ukraine and other Russian-led efforts.

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Alumni-Student Mentorship Program

New grads and students need you! Sign up on Mentor Link to answer pressing questions from young grads and soon-to-be alumni about the topics you know best.

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University News

Students and Alumni Fight Food Insecurity this Halloween

Between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15, the Student Union Food Bank saw a 46% increase in requests for food hampers over the same period in 2018 [according to a recent CBC article](#). The same article reports that international students make up more than 78% of those requests, adding to the distress experienced by that specific population of students on our campus. You can help by donating a non-perishable food item which, in turn, will help student and Alumni Trick-or-Eat volunteers to beat last year's 750kg donation amount.

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The Future of the Monarchy Under King Charles III

In a frank and candid Q&A, UCalgary history professor Dr. John Ferris, PhD, an expert on British history and the monarchy, weighs in on what might come next for the institution.

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Cumming School of Medicine Alumni Gift Launches New Fellowship to Grow Canadian Neurogenetics Expertise

For medical geneticist Dr. Xiao-Ru Yang, BSc '13, MD'16, few things are more rewarding than helping a patient understand what caused their mysterious, unexplained illness — answers those patients often seek for many years.

Thanks to a new University of Calgary fellowship generously supported by Alberta's only neurogeneticist, Dr. Oksana Suchowersky, MD '78, and her partner, the board chair of the Alberta Cancer Foundation, Dr. Chris Eagle, BSc '73, MD '77, Yang is poised to help sleuth out new diseases and improve health while adding Canadian capacity in the rapidly advancing field of neurogenetics.

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SAPL Students Help Build a Home and Future for Women

Students take part in Habitat for Humanity's Women Build 2022 by helping construct a northeast Calgary Home. This international initiative seeks to highlight the importance of women in industries such as construction or energy, while raising funds to provide housing for women and their families.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Oct. 13 | Dinos Hall of Fame

Oct. 21 | *Hookman: A Slasher Comedy* opens at the Reeve Theatre

Oct. 24-Nov.4 | UFlourish: De-Stress with new knowledge and skills re: nutrition, mental health, financial wellness, etc.

Oct. 29 | Wood Forum: Healthy Joints for Life

Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Concert with UCalgary String Quartet

Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day at The Military Museums

On Until Dec. 17 | Nickle Galleries: Prairie Interlace

DEC. 3 | SKATE WITH SANTA — SAVE THE DATE

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