

AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends

Office of Advancement



Skootch Over, Whirlwind Holidays. Where's Your Purpose?

Once accounting for 10 per cent of all jobs worldwide, the tourism industry was decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Between March 2020 and March 2022 — when much of the world held its breath and stayed home — the industry shed some 121 million jobs and reported losses of \$3.4 trillion, according to the World Travel & Tourism Council.

But with the rapid loosening of restrictions over the past year, the sector is resurging with a vengeance and is now expected to return to 2019 levels by the end of 2023. In the aftermath of COVID, experts wonder, has a new type of traveller emerged?

Could the frenetic days of “it’s Tuesday, it must be Belgium” be waning? Today’s traveller may now factor in climate-change, social activism and human connections, before booking a trip. Admittedly, “purposeful” is a niche market, but it’s one that travel gurus such as Rick Steves say is poised to boom.

How will you travel this summer?

[Discover More](#)

Alumni Exclusives



Stop, Swap and Save

Whether you're looking for a mountain-, road- or commuter bike, mark May 6 — the day of the Alberta Bike Swap — on your calendar. Besides the 250 volunteers, look out for the community-minded founders, Laura and Chris Grant.

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UCalgary Alumni Celebrates Volunteers

On the cusp of National Volunteer Week, we popped into Calgary's Distress Centre for a chat with its CEO, Robyn Romano, MSW'17, about what, exactly, compels its 300 volunteers to stick around, year after year.

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For Students in Crisis

The UCalgary Alumni Association Board is once again matching alumni donations to the Students' Greatest Needs Fund during Giving Day. Your gift could have triple the impact — so give early, while matching funds last. Make a real difference to our future alumni when they need it most!

[Triple Your Impact!](#)

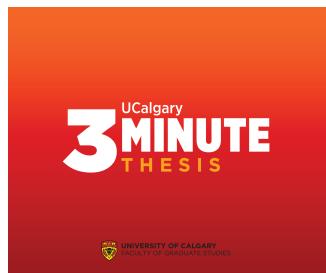
What's on Deck?



Curious About the Provincial Election?

On **May 9**, “dig in” to the top issues facing Albertans ahead of the next provincial election. UCalgary alumni and policy experts will guide you through the topics that really matter, while digging into lunch at this afternoon webinar.

[Register NOW!](#)



UCalgary 3MT Finals

After three years of virtual events, the Three Minute Thesis is back in front of a live audience! Join judges Naheed Nenshi, BComm '93, Loren McGinnis (host of The Eyeopener), Chantal Rytz, MSc'19, and Beakerhead's Parker Chapple on **April 20**.

[Register NOW!](#)



The Insect Apocalypse

They appear in art, music and myth, as religious symbols, pets, and oracles. Join us **April 28** as we explore our relationship with insects from multiple angles. The seminar includes: a panel discussion, a film, a musical guest and lunch.

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University News

UCalgary Authors Take All Three Finalist Spots for W.O. Mitchell Book Prize

Calgary’s exceptional contribution to the Calgary literary scene was recognized from on high this week as the shortlist was announced for the prestigious W.O. Mitchell Book Prize and the three finalists are all UCalgary writers.

Alumni Suzette Mayr, BA'90, and Joshua Whitehead, PhD'19, along with Vivek Shraya, all of whom teach, or have recently taught, in the Department of English, were named as the finalists for the esteemed prize, awarded each year by The City of Calgary and the Writers’ Guild of Alberta.

[Meet The Authors at Upcoming Readings!](#)

David Garneau: Métissage

Recently snagging a much-coveted Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts is Métis artist David Garneau, BFA'89, MA'93, who has spent the last two decades puzzling over what his Métis heritage might mean and how it might inform

his art-making. His latest exhibition, *Métissage*, is on at UCalgary's Nickle Galleries with a curator's tour slated for April 22.

[See 50+ of His Works](#)

The Rise of the Irate Customer: And the Importance of Rediscovering Patience

If you find yourself being more impatient than ever before when interacting with people in customer service roles — or if you've noticed other people having a shorter fuse and snapping more quickly — you're not alone. Unravel the underlying causes of our collective short fuses and discover why our emotions have become so volatile.

[Take a Breath and Learn More](#)

UCalgary Giving Day is Back!

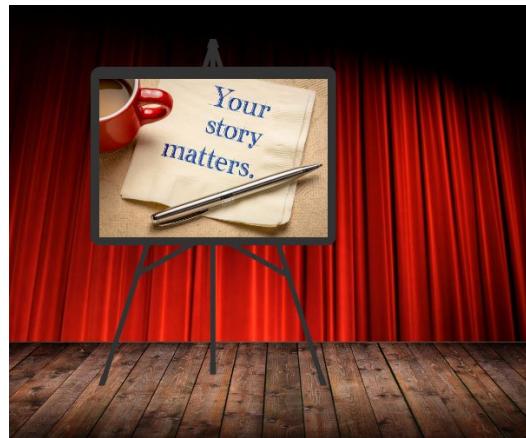




Alumni Association Board of Directors Board Recruitment

Got opinions and ideas about alumni programs and how best to build a vibrant alumni community? The UCAA Board of Directors would love to hear from you and is recruiting now!

Apply By April 16!



Nursing Story Slam

Nurses have stories. Stories about people, love, pain, suffering, grief, relief — all of these stories matter, but often go untold. On April 27, UCalgary's Faculty of Nursing is hosting a Nursing Story Slam to share 10 powerful, 5-minute stories. Join us!

Register NOW!



Science in the Cinema: The Fault in our Stars

After the movie, cancer clinicians, researchers and experts will lead the audience in a discussion and Q & A about psychological oncology and how it is designed to support specific cancer patients and loved ones during and after a cancer diagnosis.

On at the Plaza, April 19

Upcoming Events and Programs

April 16-22 | National Volunteer Week

April 19 | Poetry, Peace or Politics: the Calgary Distinguished Writers Program

April 20 | Calgary Youth Science Fair

April 27 | UCalgary Giving Day

April 27 | UCalgary Faculty of Nursing: Nursing Story Slam

May 3 | Lecture of a Lifetime: Dr. Jay Cross

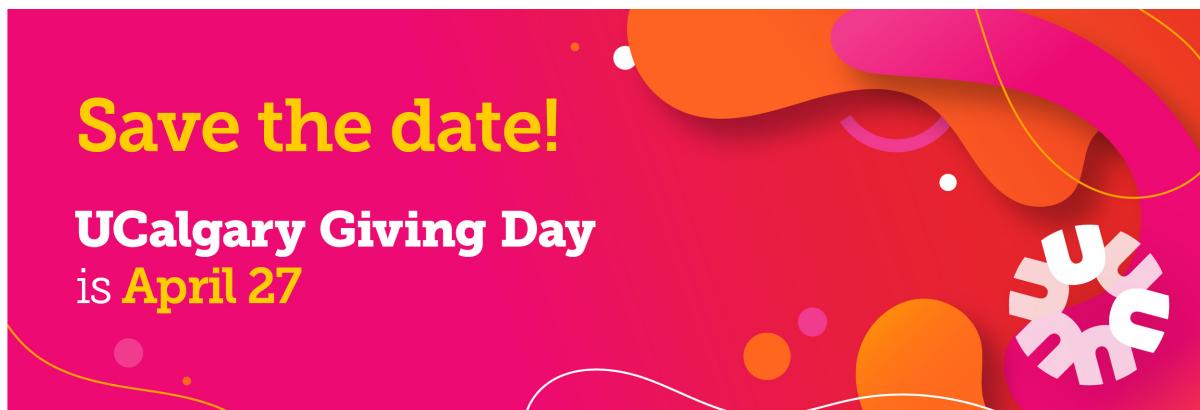
May 5, 6, 7 | Join a Jane's Walk

May 6 | TEDxCalgary: Alumni Discount

May 9 | Dig In! Beyond the Mudslinging — Policies Every Albertan Should Care About Ahead of the Election

May 18 | “Are we there yet?” Pro Vacation Tips for Keeping Travel Fun for the Whole Family

On until Nov. | TELUS Spark: Sacred Defenders of the Universe, the Digital Immersion Gallery



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