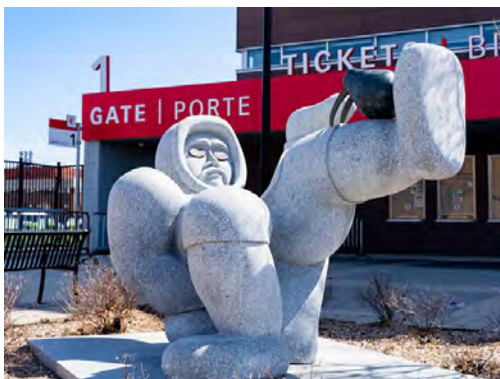


YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



Celebrate Pride Month with York!

York University is proud to celebrate Pride Month, a time to support 2SLGBTQIA+ communities in their historic and current struggles for equality, and celebrate the contributions these communities have made to York's values of equity, diversity, inclusivity and social justice. We encourage you to join us for the many Pride events taking place at York throughout the month of June. [Learn more about Pride Month at York.](#)



Honouring National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month is an important time for settlers to honour and celebrate Indigenous history. It is also an opportunity to learn about and engage with Indigenous knowledges, languages, practices, and ways of being, and their importance to both York and Canadian society. [Read the full statement from President Rhonda Lenton.](#)



York moves up in QS World University Rankings

Reinforcing York's role as a leading North American public university with a global reach to right the future, the 2022 rankings serve as a benchmark for York's global competitiveness. [Read more about the QS World University Rankings.](#)



Alumni spotlight: Emily Wright (BA '17)

As a researcher and advocate for Indigenous peoples, Glendon alumna Emily Wright is working to advance Truth and Reconciliation and make a meaningful difference for Toronto's Indigenous communities. [Learn more about how Emily is creating positive change.](#)



Researcher aims to prevent food fights by promoting national food policy

Although food is a public resource, there is no national policy to guide its equitable access and distribution. Prof. Roderick MacRae's website [Food Policy for Canada](#) presents the detailed changes that will be required to create a more food secure country. [Learn more about Prof. MacRae's research.](#)



York commits \$1M over three years to support Indigenous research

Distributed by the York University Indigenous Research Seed Fund, the grants will provide emerging and established Indigenous scholars with support for research that advances excellence in Indigenous knowledge, languages and ways of knowing and being. [Learn more about the Fund.](#)



Introducing the Sexuality and Gender Advocacy (SAGA) alumni network

The recently launched 2SLGBTQIA+ alumni network offers mentorship, programming, guidance and social opportunities for York's 2SLGBTQIA+ alumni and student communities while promoting equity, diversity and inclusion. [Join the alumni network.](#)



Share your recent milestones with Classes

Starting a new business, celebrating an anniversary, switching careers or retiring? Keep the York community up-to-date on your recent life and career milestones by sharing your accomplishments with Classes in *The York University Magazine*. [Share your story and photos.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Travel with VIA Rail

A smart way to move – enjoy a more relaxing and rewarding travel experience. [Save 7.5% on train travel with VIA Rail.](#)



Relax at Elmwood Spa

Plan your Toronto spa escape! Save up to 15% on spa services with this exclusive alumni deal. [Book your spa getaway.](#)



Explore with Queen Tour

Discover the beauty of Niagara Falls with Queen Tour. See Niagara's most popular attractions at a 15% discount. [Book your day trip.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



June 14 | 5:30pm ET | Learning from and with Indigenous Community Members Book Club

This book club will be a space where non-Indigenous and Indigenous people can come together to learn through conversations amongst Indigenous guest speakers in relation to Indigenous literature and topics that are meaningful to them and their nations/communities.



June 22 | 12pm ET | Scholars' Hub @ Home | The latest United Nations report – Accelerating the energy transition

Professor Patricia Perkins of the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change discusses the insights and implications of Canadians in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report released in April.



June 28 | 12pm ET | Professional development | Essential communication skills for all project managers

Project managers and project leaders need to be great communicators. This session will address five key best practices for essential communications skills for those in this role.



June 28 | 12pm ET | Pride Month | Bringing your whole self to work

Join members of the Sexuality and Gender Advocacy (SAGA) Alumni Network for a discussion on the importance of bringing your whole self to work. They will also discuss their experiences of transitioning from academia and student-life to the working world.



July 21 | 2pm ET | Alumni Book Club | A talk with Cheryl Diamond, author of *Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood*

Join the York University Alumni Book Club for a talk with Cheryl Diamond, author of *Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood*, a story about growing up in a family of outlaws.

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