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The York University Brief

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Government Relations Update and Highlight



Minister Jill Dunlop delivers remarks at MOU signing

Minister of Colleges and University and MPP for Simcoe North Jill Dunlop spoke at the MOU signing between York University and the Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care. This MOU aims to deepen the collaboration between the two organizations to create positive change and support mental health research.

York University on the Move

Congratulations to the following York University Alumni who have recently entered new positions:

- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, LLB '87 becomes Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, previously Associate Minister of Transportation

- Iqra Khalid, BA '07 becomes Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue

Thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for York University, we wish you all the best in your new roles!

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



York University bolsters international reputation through THE World Rankings

York University has climbed 47 spots in the latest Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings and continues to establish itself as a beacon of excellence and a leader in international outlook.

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York community expands learnings on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

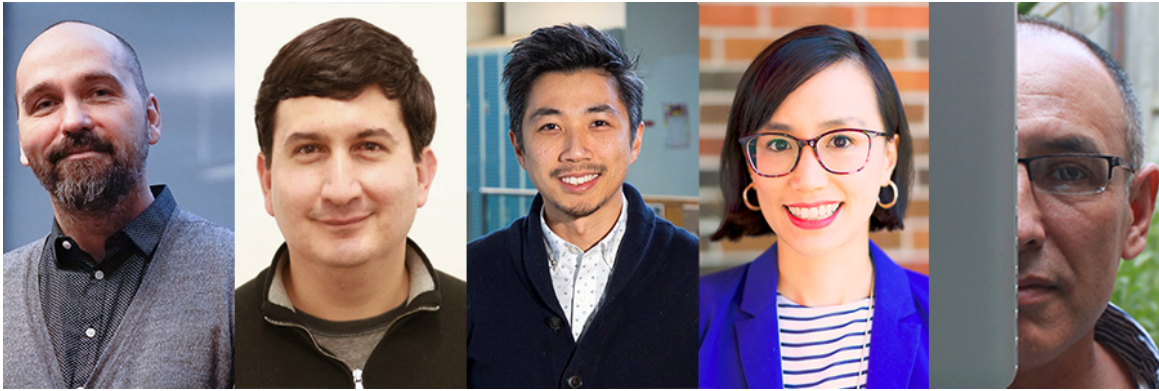
Members of the York University community gathered to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30), and attended events held at the Keele and Glendon campuses that encouraged reflection, learnings and unlearnings on the legacy of residential schools and the lasting impacts on Indigenous community members. [Read More](#)



York leads research initiative to explore populism in Canada

York University will lead a new initiative that aims to increase understanding of the impacts of populism on Canadian politics.

Launched Sept. 27 at York's Glendon Campus, the Observatory of Populism in Canada is a first-of-its-kind research endeavour that will work to generate, support and highlight empirical and theoretical research on populism's role in Canadian society. [Read More](#)



On September 23, 2023, faculty, students and alumni from York University's School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design (AMPD) championed creativity and positive change at Nuit Blanche Toronto.

Exploring this year's Nuit Blanche theme, "Breaking ground," work by AMPD community members considered ideas centred around the natural world, change and innovation through installations, exhibitions and performances from a wide range of artistic disciplines – including cinema and media arts, digital media, theatre and visual art. [Read More](#)

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