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CUFA BC Profiles Recipients of the 2022 Distinguished Academics Awards

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For Immediate Release July 5, 2022 – The Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia (CUFA BC) is pleased to release a series of interviews profiling the [winners of the 2022 Distinguished Academics Awards](#): Dr. Travis Salway (SFU), Dr. Sarah Wright Cardinal (UVic), and Dr. Colin Bennett (UVic).

The awards recognize and honour faculty at BC public research universities who have made outstanding contributions to the community beyond the academy through their scholarship and public policy contributions. The awards bring with it the admiration of colleagues from across institutions, disciplines, geographic borders and beyond, and is recognized with a commemorative plaque and cash award.

“At CUFA BC, we believe that the ideas that flow out of our universities are the lifeblood of our citizenry and democratic landscape, our intellectual life, and our economy,” says President Dr. Daniel Laitsch. “The CUFA BC Distinguished Academics Awards celebrate the ideas that contribute to the non-academic community and demonstrate the necessity and vitality of public university-based research and scholarly activity.”

Each year, the Distinguished Academics Award winners hail from different institutions and disciplines, and conduct research in very different domains. However different their work, they are united by their passion for rigorous and meaningful scholarship – and for research that contributes to the public good.

A Health Sciences professor who investigates structural health inequities and stigma in Two-Spirit/LGBTQ peoples, a Child and Youth Care professor whose work centres the importance of healing from colonial disruptions to Indigenous identities, and a Political Science professor who has dedicated his career to privacy protection in a world with increasingly complex technologies: these professors are the recipients of the 2022 Distinguished Academics Awards.

Watch the interviews with the award recipients and CUFA BC President Dr. Daniel Laitsch:

<https://www.cufa.bc.ca/awards/past-winners/winners-of-the-2022-distinguished-academics-awards-nominees>.

Learn more about the CUFA BC Distinguished Academics Awards series: <https://www.cufa.bc.ca/awards>

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CUFA BC has existed for fifty years and works closely with the member Faculty Associations at each institution. Our purposes are to support high-quality post-secondary education and research in British Columbia and to advocate for the interests of our members on a variety of issues affecting post-secondary education in BC.