

**21<sup>st</sup> Biennial V&A Symposium: Agenda and Program**  
**May 1, 2026**

**Day 1 – Monday, May 25, 2026**

Time	Session	Speaker(s)/Moderator	Topic	Room
7:30am	Breakfast	N/A	N/A	Marquis Hall, Garry Room
7:45am	Registration	N/A	N/A	
8:30am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<b>Dr. Mansfield Mela,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Dr. Lisa Jewell,</b> University of Saskatchewan	N/A	Arts 143
8:40am	Opening Prayer	<b>Knowledge Keeper Lyndon Linklater</b>	N/A	
8:50am	Greetings	<b>Dr. Baljit Singh,</b> Vice President Research, University of Saskatchewan  <b>A/Regional Deputy Commissioner Kathy Neil,</b> Correctional Service Canada		
9:00am	Plenary Session 1	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Senator Kim Pate,</b> Senate of Canada  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Mansfield Mela, University of Saskatchewan	Manufacturing Risk	Arts 143
10:30am	Break with Special Guests	Therapy Dogs Molly, Reacher, and Reina with the PAWSitive Support Prison Therapy Dog Program	N/A	Near Arts 143 and in Arts 256 (Debriefing Room)
11:00am	Concurrent Session 1A	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Kathy Neil,</b> Correctional Service Canada  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Leslie Anne Keown, University of Regina	Strengthening Justice with Community-Driven Responses to Violence	Arts 263
	Concurrent Session 1B	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Matt Mirasty,</b> Government of Saskatchewan	Advancements in Community Safety: A Discussion on the Saskatchewan First Nations	Arts 241

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		<b>Moderator:</b> Delphine Gossner, Government of Saskatchewan	Community Safety Officer Program	
	Concurrent Session 1C	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Lindsay Wilcox,</b> John Howard Society of Saskatchewan  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Arlene Kent-Wilkinson, University of Saskatchewan	Restorative Justice in Action – Supports for Community Reintegration (including Housing and Programs) John Howard Society of Saskatchewan	Arts 146
12:00pm	Lunch	N/A	N/A	Marquis Hall, Garry Room
1:15pm	Concurrent Session 2A	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Violeta Dima,</b> Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan  <b>Kenzy Horudko,</b> Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Arlene Kent-Wilkinson, University of Saskatchewan	From Crisis to Response: Gender-Based Violence in Saskatchewan and the Case for a Women’s Legal Clinic	Arts 263
	Concurrent Session 2B	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Dr. Leticia Gutierrez,</b> Officer of Correctional Investigator  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Bryce Stoliker, University of Saskatchewan	Ten Years Since Spirit Matters: A Roadmap for the Reform of Indigenous Corrections in Canada	Arts 241
	Concurrent Session 2C	<b>Presenters:</b> <b>Amy Agar,</b> Parole Board of Canada  <b>Rayleen Ballard,</b> Parole Board of Canada  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Natalie Polvi,	Parole Board of Canada: Our Purpose in the Criminal Justice Continuum	Arts 146

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		Correctional Service of Canada		
2:15pm	<b>Break with Poster Session</b>	N/A	N/A	Near Arts 143
2:45pm	Greetings	<b>Assistant Deputy Minister Joshua Freistadt,</b> Government of Saskatchewan  <b>Inspector Ashley St. Germaine,</b> RCMP		Arts 143
2:55pm	Plenary Session 2	<b>Presenters:</b> <b>Dr. Mark Olver,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Dr. Keira Stockdale,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Leslie Anne Keown, University of Regina	Research, Issues, and Approaches in Forensic Risk Assessment with Indigenous Clients	Arts 143
4:25pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Dr. Mansfield Mela,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Dr. Lisa Jewell,</b> University of Saskatchewan		
4:30pm	<b>Wine &amp; Cheese Reception</b>	Jazz Band	N/A	Marquis Hall, Garry Room
6:00pm	Day 1 Concludes	N/A		

### Day 2 – Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Time	Session	Speaker(s)	Topic	Room
7:30am	Breakfast	N/A	N/A	Marquis Hall, Garry Room
8:30am	Welcome to Day 2	<b>Dr. Mansfield Mela,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Dr. Lisa Jewell,</b> University of Saskatchewan	N/A	Arts 143
8:45am	Plenary Session 3	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Dr. Justin Tetrault,</b> Simon Fraser University  <b>Moderator:</b>	Why Indigenized Prison Programming Matters: On Indigenous Overrepresentation,	Arts 143

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		Dr. Bryce Stoliker, University of Saskatchewan	Rehabilitation, and Re-entry	
10:15am	Break	N/A	N/A	Near Arts 143
10:45am	Concurrent Session 3A	<b>Presenters:</b> <b>Dr. Keira Stockdale,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Dr. Ian Wellspring</b> Provincial Health Services Authority of British Columbia  <b>Sydney Rine,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Moderator:</b> Delphine Gossner, Government of Saskatchewan	Lessons Learned from the Literature and Responses to Serious Violence in Saskatchewan	Arts 263
	Concurrent Session 3B	<b>Presenter:</b> <b>Shaylee Spencer,</b> Memorial University of Newfoundland  <b>Moderator:</b> Cindy Peternelj-Taylor, University of Saskatchewan	Compassion Fatigue: Strength in Service, Wisdom in Recovery	Arts 241
	Concurrent Session 3C	<b>Presenters:</b> <b>Marijayne Deschambault,</b> Saskatoon Tribal Council  <b>Sgt. Erica Weber,</b> Saskatoon Police Service  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Arlene Kent-Wilkinson, University of Saskatchewan	Reconcili-Action: Transforming Justice Through Police and Tribal Council Partnership	Arts 146
11:45am	Lunch	N/A	N/A	Marquis Hall, Garry Room
12:00pm	Special Guests	Long Walker's Drum Group		
1:00pm	Concurrent Session 4A	<b>Presenters:</b> <b>Andrea Kotlar,</b> FASD Network of Saskatchewan  <b>Shana Mohr,</b>	Bridging Safety and Support: De-Escalation Approaches for Individuals with FASD and High-Risk Behaviors	Arts 263

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		FASD Network of Saskatchewan  <i>Moderator:</i> Lindsay Wilcox, John Howard Society of Saskatchewan		
	Concurrent Session 4B	<i>Presenters:</i> <b>Benjamin Ralston,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Dr. Christie Tetreault,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <i>Moderator:</i> Cindy Peternelj-Taylor	Indigeneity in Canada's Criminal Legal System: Finding Consensus, Contestation, and Paradox	Arts 241
	Concurrent Session 4C	<i>Presenters:</i> <b>Martin Foucher,</b> Correctional Service Canada  and <b>Detective Sonja Wepruk,</b> Edmonton Police Service  <b>Detective Tammy Buchberger,</b> Edmonton Police Service  <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Arlene Kent-Wilkinson, University of Saskatchewan	Managing Individuals at High Risk to Offend:  Lessons from the Evacuation of a Maximum-Security Penitentiary During Wildfire  and  Managing High Risk Offenders Through Integrated Policing	Arts 146
2:00pm	Break	N/A	N/A	Near Arts 143
2:30pm	Plenary Session 4	<i>Presenter:</i> <b>Evan Bray – The Voice of Saskatchewan – with 650 CKOM and 980 CJME</b>  <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Lisa Jewell, University of Saskatchewan	Healthy People Build Healthy Communities	Arts 143
4:00pm	Closing Remarks and Closing Prayer	<b>Dr. Mansfield Mela,</b> University of Saskatchewan	N/A	Arts 143

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		<b>Dr. Lisa Jewell,</b> University of Saskatchewan  <b>Knowledge Keeper Lyndon Linklater</b>		
4:15pm	Day 2 Concludes			

**Note: All meals, including Wine and Cheese Reception, will be held in Marquis Hall, Garry Room. All plenary and concurrent sessions will be held in the Arts Building.**

- All Plenary Sessions will be held in Arts 143, Neatby-Timlin theatre (capacity 327 persons).
- All Concurrent Sessions will be held in the Arts building in rooms Arts 146 (capacity 144 persons), Arts 241, Neatby-Timlin theatre (capacity 338 persons), and Arts 263 (capacity 128 persons). Arts 146 is located on the ground floor. Arts 241 and 263 are located on the second floor.
- The Poster Session will be displayed outside of Arts 143 in a common area.
- The registration desk will be located near the bottom of the Arts Ramp on the main floor.
- A debriefing room will be available in Arts 256. Attendees can go there anytime they want some quiet time or need to debrief following a session.