

# CONVOCATION

06.19.2026

PM PROGRAM

OCAD UNIVERSITY

# WELCOME TO CONVOCATION 2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUANDS!

**Thank you for joining us for today's ceremony. We are excited to celebrate this significant milestone with you. Please ensure that your electronic devices are in silent mode out of respect for your peers and the ceremony proceedings.**

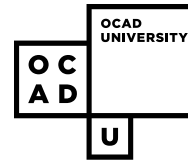
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Friday, June 19, 2026

3:30 p.m.

Roy Thomson Hall,  
60 Simcoe St.,  
Toronto, Ontario

## OCAD UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION 2026 AFTERNOON CEREMONY

### Stage/Platform Party Procession

#### Music Provided by

MUSICIANS OF THE GLENN GOULD SCHOOL  
AT THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

#### Welcome to Graduands and Guests

DR. SANDRA GABRIELE, VICE-PRESIDENT,  
ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

#### Opening Ceremony

ELDER ELIZABETH (LIZ) OSAWAMICK

#### Address by President and Vice-Chancellor

ANA SERRANO

#### Address by Chancellor

JAIME WATT

### Awarding of Honorary Degrees and Address to Graduates

ASH K. PRAKASH, C.M.  
TANYA TALAGA

### Awarding of Degrees

#### In Memoriam

JUNE 1, 2025 TO MAY 25, 2026

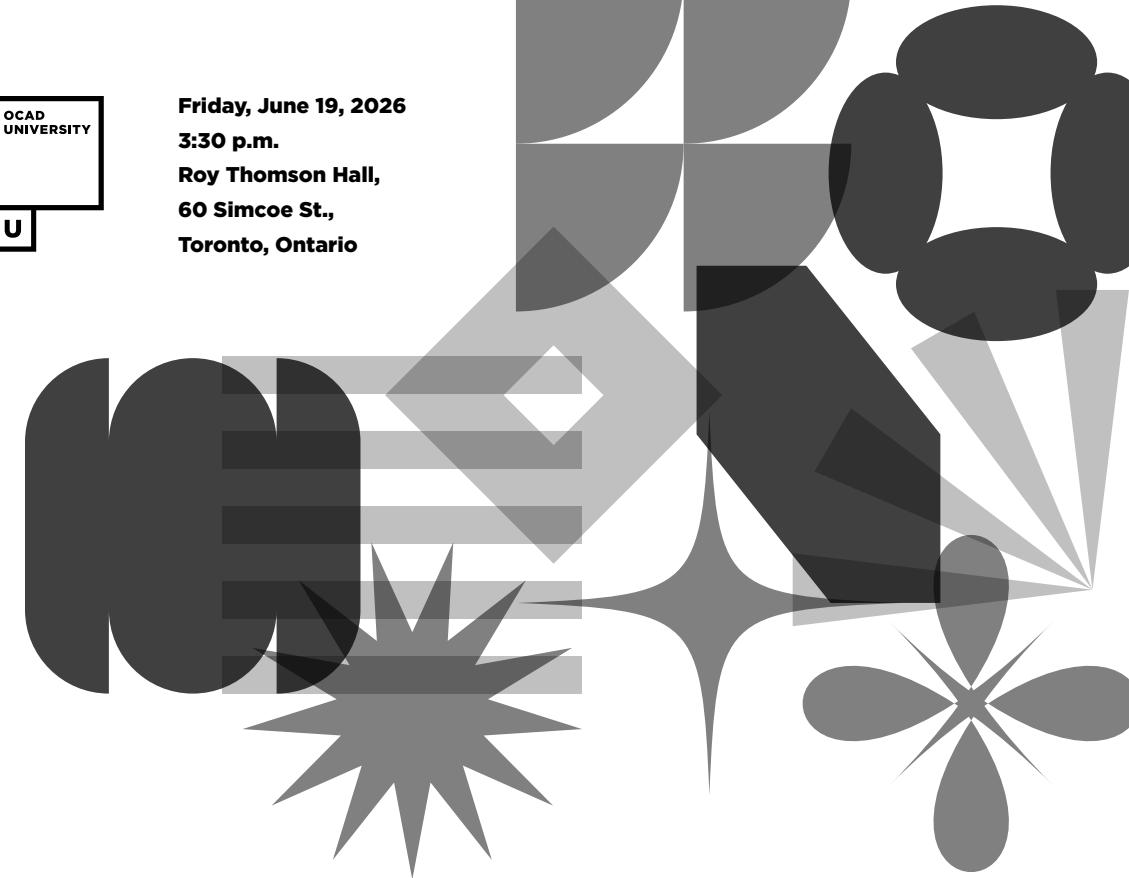
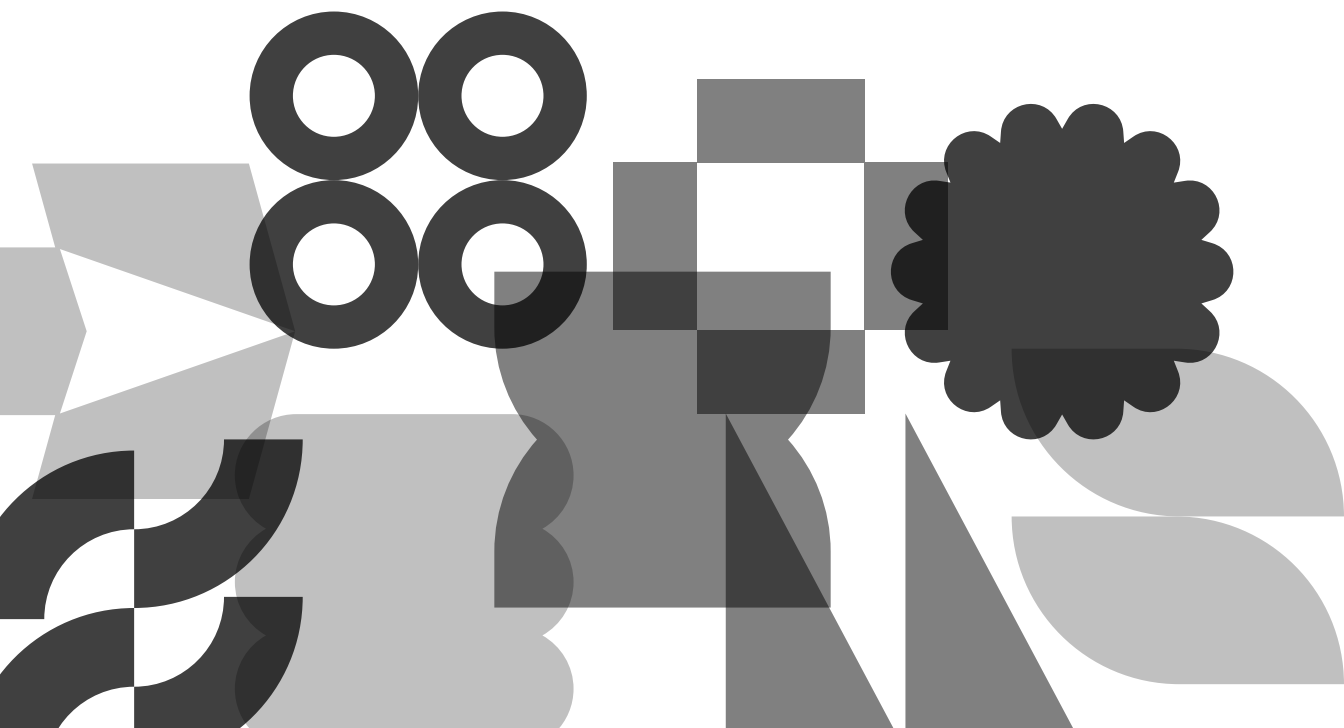
### Presentation of Program Medals

#### Governor General's Academic Medal Award

SILVER MEDAL: JENNY CHAN  
GOLD MEDAL: ZHIZHE YAN

### Closing Remarks

DR. SANDRA GABRIELE, VICE-PRESIDENT,  
ACADEMIC AND PROVOST



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



# AND VICE- CHANCELLOR

Dear Graduates,

To the Class of 2026, I am filled with immense pride and joy in congratulating each and every one of you on graduating from OCAD University.

As you reflect on your time pursuing your studies, I hope you will take a moment to celebrate not only your achievements but also the friendships you developed, the challenges you overcame and the lessons you learned. I have no doubt that you will continue to leave your mark on the world in profound and meaningful ways.

As you embark on a new phase of your lives, I hope your journey will be filled with endless possibilities, opportunities and discoveries. I encourage you to embrace the unknown with courage, curiosity and an open heart, knowing that you are equipped with the skills, knowledge and passion to thrive in whatever path you choose to pursue.

As an alum, you join a bold and vibrant community of creative thinkers and makers who are making a difference. So, stay connected, support one another, and continue to draw inspiration from your time at OCAD University.

Congratulations once again on achieving this significant milestone in your lives. I wish you all the very best for what lies ahead.

**ANA SERRANO** | PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR | OCAD UNIVERSITY

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# MESSAGE FROM



# THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Graduates,

There is a quiet discipline at the heart of every creative practice: attention. What you choose to notice, what you return to, and what you decide is worthy of your time, your energy, and your care.

At OCAD University, you have spent years refining that instinct. You have learned not only how to make, but how to see—to recognize detail, context, and meaning where others might pass by. In doing so, you have come to understand that attention does more than reflect the world; it helps shape it.

At a time when so much competes for our focus, that capacity matters more than ever. The world does not need more noise. It needs care, in what we create, in what we choose to elevate, and in how we represent one another and the stories we tell.

This is not a small responsibility. But it is one you are ready to carry. Because creativity, at its best, is an act of care, a way of saying: this matters, this is worth seeing, this deserves to exist.

As you move forward, your work will take many forms. What matters is not only what you create, but the care you bring to it. That is what gives your work its weight, its integrity, and its impact.

On behalf of the entire OCAD University community, I offer you my warmest congratulations and best wishes for what lies ahead. Thank you for entrusting your education to us.

Congratulations!

**JAIME WATT** | CHANCELLOR | OCAD UNIVERSITY

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# 2026 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



## **ASH K. PRAKASH, C.M.**

DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA

Ash K. Prakash, C.M., is an art scholar and philanthropist based in Toronto. Educated at the Universities of California and Michigan, he had a distinguished career spanning four decades. Following his appointment to the Privy Council in Ottawa, he served as an advisor to the Cabinet Secretariats of Prime Ministers Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Brian Mulroney. He also served as advisor to UNESCO in Paris, Tehran, New Delhi, Ulaanbaatar, and to the UNDP in New York, Salzburg and Cairo. He has also helped to build important art collections for notable private individuals, corporations and renowned museums across Canada and Europe.

Prakash is the author of several publications, including *Canadian Art: Selected Masters (2003)*; *Independent Spirit, Early Canadian Women Painters (2008)*, and the bestseller, *Impressionism in Canada: A Journey of Rediscovery (2014)*.

In 2012, he endowed \$30 million in art and funding to the A. K. Prakash Foundation for its dual mission: to advance scholarship on historical Canadian art, and to promote Canadian medical expertise by increasing global access to health. The foundation has sponsored numerous exhibitions and publications in major art galleries across Canada (Calgary, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal, Québec, Sackville, Toronto and Windsor) and abroad in France, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. It also awards annual international Fellowships in Advanced Surgery for medical graduates from the Global South to train at the hospitals affiliated with the University of Toronto.

He is a distinguished patron of the National Gallery of Canada (NGC) who donated the largest collection of art in the gallery's history. The NGC honoured him by designating a gallery in his name. Other honours include a citation for "Loyal Service to the Government and People of Canada," awarded by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien; an honorary Doctor of Fine Art from NSCAD University; the King Charles III Coronation Medal; and the Order of Canada.



## **TANYA TALAGA**

DOCTOR OF LETTERS, HONORIS CAUSA

Tanya Talaga is an award-winning journalist, author and filmmaker of Anishinaabe and Polish descent. She is a proud member of Fort William First Nation, in the Robinson-Superior Treaty territory.

For over 20 years, Talaga was a journalist at the Toronto Star and is now a regular columnist at *The Globe and Mail*. She has written three national bestsellers: *Seven Fallen Feathers*, *All Our Relations* and *The Knowing*, a seminal unravelling of the centuries-long oppression of Indigenous People that continues to reverberate in these communities today. It is the focus of a four-part CBC documentary series that won the 2025 Canadian Screen Award for Best Writing. It was produced by Talaga's production company, Makwa Creative, formed to elevate Indigenous voices and stories through film.

Talaga holds five honorary doctorates, was the 2017-18 Atkinson Fellow in Public Policy, and in 2018 was the first Anishinaabe woman to be the CBC Massey Lecturer.

# GRADUATES OF 2025-26

## UNDERGRADUATE

### FACULTY OF ART

#### CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ART: LIFE STUDIES BFA

Noor Awan  
 Sania Baghaei Naeini  
 Christina Doroshyn  
*with Distinction*  
 Tulsia Premachandra  
 Cat Schembri  
*with Distinction*  
 Diana Silla  
*with Distinction*

#### CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ART: PUBLICATIONS BFA

Angelica Granados Lopez

#### DRAWING & PAINTING BFA

Mateo Abarca  
 Summiya Abrar  
 Rania Adamjee  
*with Distinction*  
 Nadine Alexeev  
*with Distinction*  
 Adhya Arora  
*with Distinction*  
 Sarah Ruth Avolio  
*with Distinction*  
 Alexa Beattie  
 Jasmin Elizabeth Bennett  
 Olivia Bill  
*with Distinction*

Lilly Black  
 Veronika Bondarenko  
*with Distinction*  
 Ben Bui  
 Isis Carey  
 Carol Charmayne  
*with Distinction*  
 Aleena Chaudhery  
 Timo Cheah  
*with Distinction*  
 Emily Anne Alexandra  
 Cianferro  
 Sophia Gabrielle Quinn  
 Coleman  
*with Distinction*  
 Sophia Faith Cook  
 Carmela Correch  
 Peyton Cote  
*with Distinction*  
 Sophia Isabel Crisostomo  
 Ben Cromien  
 Carys D Souza  
*with Distinction*  
 Silvina Da Silva  
 Graeme D'Andrade  
 Sara Dankha  
 Julia De Ruiter  
 Nabila Din  
 Jessica Rose Dipietro  
 Macie Taylor Dixon  
 Ruby Doern  
*with Distinction*  
 Emma Lindsay Dolphin  
*with Distinction*  
 Ava Nicole Donoahue

Sofia Rose D'Onofrio  
*with Distinction*  
 Sadhbh Doorley  
 Muguet Fakheri  
 Aleks Falarz  
 Chloe Franchi  
 Lindsay Frankel  
*with Distinction*  
 Lisa Gal  
 Darah Ellen Galbraith  
*with Distinction*  
 Connor Garito  
*with Distinction*  
 Gabby Gerbasi  
*with Distinction*  
 Betiel Ghirmay Araia  
*with Distinction*  
 Ana Giacalone  
 Audrey Karr Goodwin  
*with Distinction*  
 Yalda Hakimzada  
 Wuliyah Talicia Elizabeth  
 Hankey  
 Elijah Hecht  
 Renay Aisha Hendy  
 Sabrina Renée Holmes  
 Caresse Hong  
*with Distinction*  
 Ana Hryciuk  
 Jasmine Danielle Huber  
*with Distinction*  
 Naia Marie Iezzi  
 Sadaf Imran  
 Ayse Ipekdukuyan  
*with Distinction*  
 MacKenzie Iuliano

Narim Jeong  
*with Distinction*  
 Andrin Jian  
*with Distinction*  
 Arina Kalantar Hormozi  
*with Distinction*  
 Maya Kaplan  
*with Distinction*  
 Lily Daisy Kapler  
 Kyra Kaushal  
*with Distinction*  
 Donya Kavooziaraghi  
 Sophia Kim  
*with Distinction*  
 Tara Kliska  
*with Distinction*  
 Mikena Kuzmienska  
*with Distinction*  
 Reina Kwon  
*with Distinction*  
 Romee Lai  
*with Distinction*  
 Katrina Dagmar Langstroth  
*with Distinction*  
 John Lee  
 Kenna Lewis  
 Annie Li  
 Xinyi Li  
 Ila Anna Lovelace  
 Sue MacKay  
*with Distinction*  
 Samreen Malik  
 Margaret Anne Marchant  
*with Distinction*  
 Rebeca Alexandra Marte  
 Hannah McGourty  
 Julia McNeely  
 Austin Raymond Miller  
*with Distinction*  
 Emilia Nahdee  
 Rita Naim  
*with Distinction*  
 E-bing Ng  
*with Distinction*

Taylor Haruko Katherine  
 Nyman  
*with Distinction*  
 Natalie Ester Obregon  
 Recabarren  
 Chimemelia Okafor  
*with Distinction*  
 Hyeweon Park  
*with Distinction*  
 Trinity Grace Parsons  
 Eric Phillip Pon  
 Xeniya Pospelova  
 Elyse Ricketts  
*with Distinction*  
 Dani Salvatore  
*with Distinction*  
 Jake Andrew Santos  
*with Distinction*  
 Minji Seo  
 Amanda Seto  
 Dylan Dae-Sung Shin  
 Jasmeen Kaur Singh  
*with Distinction*  
 Alyssa Kristianne Smith  
 Cindy Soler  
*with Distinction*  
 Hayeon Song  
 Samantha Stott  
*with Distinction*  
 Rain Sun  
 Elizabeth Bonnie Switzer  
*with Distinction*  
 Dyan Tajudin  
 Freda Tan  
*with Distinction*  
 Rachel Tong  
*with Distinction*  
 Ava Tsoutsos  
 Eve Turner  
 Jenny Vong  
 Lau Tung Wong  
 Emily Amanda Wotherspoon  
 Yuyao Xie  
 Sasha Yakovleva  
*with Distinction*

Rehana Yesmin  
*with Distinction*  
 Teng Zhong  
**DRPT: DIGITAL  
 PAINTING & EXPANDED  
 ANIMATION BFA**  
 Azra Cetin  
 Ivy Chen  
 Jingyi Chi  
 Parneet Dhaliwal  
 Jenna Figliuzzi  
 Chloe Fuerte  
 Emily Victoria Hoang  
 Gengshuo Li  
 Vicky Liang  
 George Selivanov  
 Jahleel Singh  
 Junyu Song  
 Christina Maria Torbidone  
 Alyson Wu  
 Jessica Zeng  
**EXPERIMENTAL  
 ANIMATION BFA**  
 Saba Afrah  
 Melanie Aguilar Garcia  
*with Distinction*  
 Erica Amato  
 Emma Joanne Amos  
 Amanda Alves Andrade  
 Aryssa Antonio  
 Abir Ashraf  
 Catalina Auguste  
*with Distinction*  
 Nona Bogoslovova  
 Shawnya Brown  
*with Distinction*  
 Gyuri Byun  
 Erin Chen  
*with Distinction*  
 Ryan Chen  
 Zoe Chen  
*with Distinction*

Letitia Chui  
*with Distinction*  
Joanna Chung  
Min Chung  
Maya Daniels  
*with Distinction*  
Penakee Das  
Ari Dastgir  
*with Distinction*  
Teo Degli Angeli  
*with Distinction*  
Jae Despi  
*with Distinction*  
Jiahao Di  
*with Distinction*  
Stella Beatrice Dipieri  
*with Distinction*  
Bianca Paras Enriquez  
Tanya Alexandra Forte  
*with Distinction*  
Mariana Garcia  
*with Distinction*  
Nithya George  
*with Distinction*  
Yueran Han  
Maya Casandra Harding  
*with Distinction*  
Isaiah Hayward  
*with Distinction*  
Sichang Huang  
Samantha Imbrogno  
*with Distinction*  
Iulia Iordache  
Yoonha Jang  
*with Distinction*  
Chengru Ji  
Benjamin Khadem  
*with Distinction*  
Bisma Khalid  
Hyungjun Kim  
I-Ting Kuo  
Sina Labbaf  
Charlotte Lavoie-Auspert  
*with Distinction*

Yunbin Lee  
Chloe Lee  
John Li  
Xinyi Li  
*with Distinction*  
Shiman Liang  
*with Distinction*  
Angela Lin  
Jessica Qian Lin  
*with Distinction*  
Yilan Liu  
Jing Yi Lu  
Gabrielle Marie Helene  
MacIntosh  
*with Distinction*  
Clay MacVoy  
*with Distinction*  
Gabriella Maruta Siqueira  
*with Distinction*  
Reshawn Biju Mathew  
Dorsa Meratishirazi  
Britney Nguyen  
Elise Antoinette Elisan  
Nopuente  
Seun Ogbara  
Selinyena Ozel  
*with Distinction*  
Aysenur Ozkan  
*with Distinction*  
Derya Ozparlak  
*with Distinction*  
Sherman Pang  
Tran Xuan Tin Pham  
Marianne Pitu  
Miiika Karl Birungi Rashford  
Claire Bauer Ross  
*with Distinction*  
Lola Tigerlily Juliette Ross  
*with Distinction*  
Jayden Gale Loren Rostie  
*with Distinction*  
Meghan Anne Scott  
*with Distinction*  
Justine Soucy  
*with Distinction*

Dingqi Sun  
Archana Sundararajan  
Cherrie Tam  
Mai Anh Tran  
Flora Wang  
*with Distinction*  
Rhya Wang  
*with Distinction*  
Yilin Wang  
Samuel Wasserman  
*with Distinction*  
Ash Woolf  
*with Distinction*  
Stella Yang  
*with Distinction*  
Sarah Muslim Yousif  
Venissa Yu  
*with Distinction*  
Elif Zelef  
Zixu Zeng  
Isabella Yi Ting Zhang  
Qiwei Zhang  
Renee Zhang  
*with Distinction*  
**FINE ARTS BFA**  
—  
Ted Hamer  
**INTEGRATED MEDIA BFA**  
—  
Shad Abatan  
Cris Abayon Cadiz  
Alessia Agostino  
*with Distinction*  
Sahar Azim  
Elmer Bauman-Enriquez  
Claire Chen  
*with Distinction*  
Hazel Cheng  
*with Distinction*  
Hyungbin Choi  
*with Distinction*  
Mia Czartoryski

Bryn Damianidis  
Gabriel Jae  
Abbygail Elsa Roque Murray  
*with Distinction*  
Annette Nedilenka  
Evan Park  
Alessandra Camille Vargas  
Perreras  
*with Distinction*  
Chris Pinnington  
Olivia Delaney Reynolds  
*with Distinction*  
Bree Rosberg  
*with Distinction*  
Sharene Sab-It  
Jay Saltanatkhah  
*with Distinction*  
Lion Ismail Sher  
*with Distinction*  
Paul Song  
Kaya Sylka  
*with Distinction*  
Herin Tang  
*with Distinction*  
Mengni Xia  
*with Distinction*  
Rita Yau  
*with Distinction*  
Zachary Yeung  
*with Distinction*  
Amara zhai  
Monica Zhang  
**INTM: DIGITAL PAINTING & EXPANDED ANIMATION BFA**  
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Noor Bajaj  
Nia Gill  
**INTM: LIFE STUDIES BFA**  
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Enzo Sun

**PHOTOGRAPHY BFA**  
—  
Natalie Mae Anderson  
Peter Crawford Brickell  
*with Distinction*  
Basil Marie Coolen  
Aritra Das  
Kelly Deng  
Nicolas Fernandez Suarez  
Nancy Elizabeth Gomez  
Lopez  
*with Distinction*  
Liang Haymen  
Jingxiang He  
Ben Janssen  
*with Distinction*  
Cassidy Meinwen Jones  
Whitehead  
Fatma Juma  
Maya Juric  
Johan Kim  
Minseo Kim  
Alva Li  
Lily Littlefield Buschlen  
Si Cheng Long  
Phil Ma  
Zhiying Ma  
Gregor Drake Madden  
Reilly Janelle Narod  
*with Distinction*  
Mehrana Nazari  
Rafael Onilla  
Shuyuan Qiu  
Christian Quissy  
*with Distinction*  
Joseph Manuel Rebelo  
*with Distinction*  
Ilaría Serra  
*with Distinction*  
Mary Song  
Tugce Tasdemir  
Crystal Wang  
Ruobei Wang  
Xiaolin Xu

Carson Yang  
*with Distinction*  
Ethan Yoshitomo  
**PRINTMAKING & PUBLICATIONS BFA**  
—  
Juanita Alba Vanegas  
*with Distinction*  
Monica Anjos  
*with Distinction*  
Fletcher Barrett  
*with Distinction*  
Carter Carscadden  
*with Distinction*  
Jennie Anne Davis  
*with Distinction*  
Raven May Egleston  
*with Distinction*  
Benjamin Jacob Elder-Gomes  
Connor Larkin  
Kai Lumbang  
Lea Ovcina  
*with Distinction*  
Gwyn Rochon  
Ashwini Sathananthan  
Angelyka Vigilla-Bal  
**SCULPTURE/ INSTALLATION BFA**  
—  
Zoraida Anaya  
*with Distinction*  
Jes Bonnie  
Chelsea Bronwen Davis  
Callum Timothy  
Donovan-Grujicich  
*with Distinction*  
Ashia Cherin Jeon  
*with Distinction*  
Zenab Kazmi  
*with Distinction*  
Elena Kirby  
*with Distinction*

Adewole Chrysostom Louis  
*with Distinction*  
Susan MacPhail  
*with Distinction*  
Kieran Medland  
*with Distinction*  
Maja Rudnicki

Firouzeh Saremifar  
*with Distinction*  
Matt Trinh  
*with Distinction*  
Shawn Kevin Vieron  
*with Distinction*

Carter Bugatto  
Xingning Cai  
Cynthia Chen  
*with Distinction*  
Yoona Cho  
Kayli Chow  
*with Distinction*  
Giuliana Maria Costa  
Jackson Crittenden  
Khanh Dao  
Ngoc Bao Vy Doan  
McKen Ezeh  
Kissa Fatima  
*with Distinction*  
Tanzil Garg  
Liam Vincent Gonzales  
Evelyn Isabel Hoang  
Laila Mariam Imran  
Lei Shi Jiang  
Dain Jung  
Kuei Mei Kao  
*with Distinction*  
Cole Rhodes Kassirer  
*with Distinction*  
Dania Khan  
*with Distinction*  
Bryan Lee  
Yihao Liang  
Mandy Luu  
*with Distinction*  
Yana Mikhailava  
Simnikiwe khulekani  
Mthethwa  
Irina Noor  
Teresia Qi  
Sha Qiu  
Manuel Quiambao  
*with Distinction*  
Judhell Ramirez  
*with Distinction*  
Taleb Sairwan  
Niloofer Sanandajizadeh  
*with Distinction*

Niharika Singh  
Chengxuan Song  
Gunner Thongmeesang  
Nora Intan Tunggadevi  
*with Distinction*  
Kimberly Wang  
*with Distinction*  
Weijun Wang  
Yixuan Xiao  
Brian Zhang  
Xiao Zhang  
*with Distinction*  
Meicen Zhou  
*with Distinction*

#### **INDIGENOUS VISUAL CULTURE BFA**

Liv Taylor Sydney  
Gabriel Taylor  
Amber Thomas  
Hannah Wright

#### **VISUAL & CRITICAL STUDIES BA**

Gabriel Coroza  
Alessio Duclaux  
Hunter Raymond Flynn  
Ella Gray  
Kai Hu  
*with Distinction*  
Shoam Kahn  
*with Distinction*  
Ella Mazzoni  
Alexander McIntyre  
*with Distinction*  
Bella Nichol  
*with Distinction*  
Joanelle Reeleder Allan  
Daniel Earl Willmott Schlick  
Ben Valcheff

## **GRADUATES OF 2025-26 UNDERGRADUATE**

### **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

#### **CREATIVE WRITING BFA**

Elliot Black  
*with Distinction*  
Katherine Yumeng Cao  
*with Distinction*  
Theodora Caluya-Colinares  
Evan D'Alleva  
*with Distinction*  
Lauren Mary Dilworth  
*with Distinction*  
Kate Justine Duggan  
Trinity Evans  
Michael Jorge Freitas  
Nik Fulton  
*with Distinction*  
JP Annika Gans  
*with Distinction*  
Riley Goldstein  
*with Distinction*  
Alyssa Johnson  
*with Distinction*

Miranda Rose Kanter  
*with Distinction*  
Liam Kelly  
Lizzie Lewington  
Frances Sam Chi Luk  
*with Distinction*  
Khira McFadden  
Gracen McKenzie  
Em Kathryn McMinn  
A Morgan  
Hannah Peebles  
*with Distinction*  
Tanya Pineda  
Carina Ariana Liboro Quijano  
Artemis Madison Reed  
*with Distinction*  
Iman Sehrai  
Reshma Vaid  
Lia Watson  
Matthew Franz Wilson  
Gabiella Norma Zardo  
*with Distinction*

#### **CRITICISM & CURATORIAL PRACTICE BFA**

Will Faris  
Yulim Jung  
Owen Kosmala  
*with Distinction*  
Kristen Emma Lodu  
*with Distinction*  
Ellie Luna Nakamura-Corfield  
Martin Nola Puddephatt  
*with Distinction*  
Isabella Recine  
Emily Rose Solimine  
*with Distinction*  
Talia Veneruz  
*with Distinction*  
**DIGITAL FUTURES BDES**  
Hafsa Ahmad  
Saaam Babar

# GRADUATES OF 2025-26

## GRADUATE

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### GRADUATE STUDIES

#### CONTEMPORARY ART, DESIGN & NEW MEDIA ART HISTORIES MA

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Sarina Antonacci  
*Multiple Contemporaneities  
in Peruvian Art as seen  
through the practices of Dora  
Panduro Silvano and Claudia  
Martinez Garay*

#### CRITICISM & CURATORIAL PRACTICE MFA

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Cassidy Alejandria  
*The Hypervisible Woman  
and her Shadow: An  
Exploration of Embodied  
Feminist Curation*

Daniela Bosco  
*The Soil Speaks: Soil  
Artworks and the Discourse  
of Decolonial Art*

Bri Christie  
*I Read It for the Articles*

Renata Critton-Papp  
*In the Void: A Curatorial  
Exploration of the Queer  
Creative Process*

Shanwei Fu

Alexander Murdoch McMillan  
*Homegrown: On Strategies  
for Food Sovereignty in  
Contemporary Art*

Amira Radwan  
*Do You Think in Arabic?  
Identity-Construction,  
Passive Bilingualism and  
Longing in Contemporary  
Middle Eastern Diasporic Art*

Leah Morgan Small  
*To Gather: Methodologies  
in Material Presence  
and Environmental  
Consciousness*

Siobhan Sprickerhoff  
*Crip Caring: Disability  
Intimacy in Art, Media, and  
Culture*

Matthias Whalen  
*Grab/Hold*

#### DESIGN FOR HEALTH MDES

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Rajvi Chandarana

Eliot El Zeinaty

Leah Ferguson

Daniel Gomes

Yanbing Jin

Rachel Klysen

Niloufar Saadat

Maryam Shehzad

#### DIGITAL FUTURES MFA | MDES

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Erinma Arki  
*Eri, You're AI Therapy Guide*

Gillian Blekkenhorst  
*Ontological bleed: Blurring  
the borders of fictional  
worlds in interface games*

Yudi Cao  
*Revisitation: An Interactive  
VR Archive of Embodied  
Family Memory*

Peng Guan  
*Exploring Proprioceptive  
Hand Interactions in  
Virtual Reality*

Mahnoor Hasan  
*Reimagining Branding:  
Generative AI and Hyper-  
Personalization*

Thea Lu  
*CatLike Emotion-Responsive  
Wearables*

Golnoush Mir Salari  
*Synaptic Echoes*

Peter Oke  
*Beyond Speculation: A  
Framework for the Future of  
African Technology*

Olivia Pasian  
*Touchstones: Designing  
Tactile Communication*

Joshua Pothen  
*Playful Home*

Ziheng Qu  
*Let the Heart Break: Creating  
a Safe Space for Grieving*

Assal Toudehfallah  
*Light Paint*

Paul Van Rijn  
*Inhabiting the Invisible*

Jakob Visic  
*Tensynth: AI Patch  
Generation*

Kasper Zhang  
*Flint: Standing in the loop  
of thought*

Harry Zhao  
*Iterative Creatures*

#### INCLUSIVE DESIGN MDES

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Mette Aube  
*Co-designing Capsule: An  
App to Support Interpersonal  
Engagement and Person-  
centered Care for Persons  
with Dementia*

Sophie Bisnaire  
*Unmasked: A Narrative  
Exploration of Identity in  
Female Educators with  
ADHD*

Yawen Deng  
*How Can a Canadian-  
Specific Accessible Mobile  
Health Tool Improve Doctor-  
Patient Communication and  
Patient Symptom Tracking  
for Higher-Risk (People over  
65) Chronic Obstructive  
Pulmonary Disease Patients*

Natalie Hart  
*A House for Art: Inclusive  
Representation for Artists  
Labelled/with IDD in  
Canadian Art Galleries*

Yiwen Huang  
*Designing an Inclusive User-  
Centered Digital Product  
for Diet Management:  
Integrating Personalized  
Dietary Guidance, Emotional  
Support, and Sustainable  
Habit Formation*

Hana Kidwai  
*Turn Down the Noise:  
Reducing Barriers to  
Inclusive Healthcare  
Communication Through an  
Information Theory Lens*

Kennedy Kozak  
*The Work of Play: Child-Led  
Research as a Practice of  
Agency and Inclusion*

Raymond Liu  
*Co-Creating Sustainable  
Personalized Input Solutions  
with Individuals with  
Cerebral Palsy*

Luke McKnight  
*Lost in Translation:  
Inclusive Design Approaches  
to Implement Digital  
Accessibility Initiatives*

Michelle Pinsky  
*Beyond the Audiogram: Co-  
Designing an Emotionally-  
Inclusive Framework with  
Post-lingually Deaf Adult  
Cochlear Implant Recipients*

Michael Pivar  
*Positive feedback:  
opportunities for blind and  
partially sighted individuals  
to direct spatial navigation  
using AI*

Andrew Puchle  
*Exploring computer-based  
work environments to better  
understand what affordances  
improve experiences for self-  
identified neurodivergent  
people*

Ji Qi  
*Fostering Financial Literacy in  
Individuals with Intellectual  
Disability: A Workbook-based  
Co-design Study*

Wendy Reid  
*Reimagining Search  
Interfaces by Optimizing  
for the Needs of People  
with Different Information  
Foraging Types*

Angelique Saunders  
*Practising Inclusive  
Design in Partnership with  
Disability Communities  
for Equitable Consumer  
Research*

Simerneet Singh  
*From Sterile to "Sexy": The  
ModBility Smart & Modular  
Walking Cane System*

Aradhana Verma  
*Decolonizing UI Icons and  
Symbols in the Indian  
Context*

Mitch Wilson  
*Accessibility as Process: From  
Inclusive Digital Learning  
to Inclusive Standards  
Development*

Delina Yohannes  
*The Runway Was  
Exclusive, So We Rebuilt It.  
Reimagining the Runway:  
Care, Co-Creation, and the  
Joyful Disruption of Racism  
and Ableism in Fashion*

Jiixin Zou  
*Inclusive Design for  
Dairy Spoilage Detection:  
Supporting Users with  
Olfactory Impairments*

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY ART, MEDIA & DESIGN MFA | MDES

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Sade Alexis  
*Dear Ms. Margaret*

Nora Alkeyat  
*Sacred Landscapes: Visual  
Theology Exhibit*

Hugo Bernilla  
*Interconnectedness:  
Recipes for nourishing the  
soul. Pallar, Papa y Choclo*

Gregory Brown  
*Pleasure, Pain and the Art of  
Questioning Science*

Jules Dufresne  
*S'enfarger dans le Quotidien:  
An Arts-Based Exploration  
of Neurodivergence and the  
Current Digital Landscape*

Yasaman Falahati  
*Private Gestures, Public  
Memory: Translating Lived  
Iranian Experiences through  
Embodied Art Practice*

Juliana Gagne  
*Echoes of Water: They Called  
Her a Witch*

Chloe Gim  
*Eroded Narrative: The  
Strata of Coastal Memory  
and the Materiality of In-  
Betweenness*

Cait Kalb  
*I Have Thought A Lot  
About This: On the feelings  
of misfitting and the  
possibilities of softness*

Maria Khan  
*Proof of Residence: Painting as a Method for Thinking Belonging*

Sophia Kyungwon Kim  
*Weaving the Unseen - Materializing the Invisible Labour of Care*

Tavleen Kaur Lall  
*The Liminal Being: Spiritual Metaphors and Human Experience*

Ishgun Lamba  
*Invisible Ink*

Hayeon Lee  
*Clay dies when you stop listening*

Jihyun Lee  
*The Memoir of the Fourth Finger*

Emmette Lewis  
*Between Two Soils: Reflections on Diaspora and Belonging*

Zhuyu Li  
*Familiar Unfamiliar Residential Landscapes*

Yuxuan Lin  
*Before Language Settles – Language as Composition: Sound, Text, and Instability*

Wenxi Lyu  
*Where Do The Fish Go?*

Nadia McLaren  
*The Ever Good*

Eugene Mireku  
*Painting the Unwritten: Hybrid Literacies in African Popular Fiction*

Jhonathan Parra Diaz  
*B-Side*

Jewel Pavao  
*Elysium*

Inéz Petrazzini  
*Sister Ancestor*

Brad Phillips  
*The Indestructible Author*

Yetong Qi  
*Smaller Children, Bigger Children: Rethinking Intergenerational Role Reversal in the Chinese Context*

Shahinaz Sabeel  
*From Haunted to Healed*

Wiley Saunders  
*Ice Station Zebra: Memory, Perception, and Repetition*

Sofia Sue-Wah-Sing  
*We Are All We Need: Practices of Belonging*

Saba Syed  
*Beyond DEI: How GNT can Create Healthy Art Institutions*

Alicia Tian  
*Shanghai, Mountains and Seas: Mythopoetic Approaches to Environmental Art from a Daoist Perspective*

Vivienne Valladares  
*The Thing About Wonder*

Jiayi Wei  
*Who Defines Us? Exploration of Gender Script and Identity in China through Píyǐngxi (Shadow-Puppetry)*

Madeline Wilmlink  
*Points of Contact*

Huiling Yan  
*From Innocent Memory to Fading Reality*

Zhizhe Yan  
*In Between: Dream, Body, and Identity in a Liminal Space*

Damla Yarar  
*Saçımı Süpürge Ettim (Made My Hair Into a Broom)*

Zhizhe Yan  
*In Between: Dream, Body, and Identity in a Liminal Space*

Yifan Zhang  
*In the Space Between: A Felting Journey of Tactile Healing*

Yuting Zhou  
*Weaving Performance - Washi, Weaving, and the Visibility of Emotion*

## STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & INNOVATION MDES

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Aliya Ahmed-Mohamoud  
*Soo dhowaaw aan hore u wada eegno (Come closer so we can look forward together) An exploration into Somali knowledge sharing practices*

Sara Blanke  
*Seeding Transformation: Growing Imagination, Hope, and Agency Through Embodied, Arts-Based Futures Practice*

Luciana Cabral de Souza Faria  
*Constructing Equity: Advancing Women's Leadership Roles in the Construction Sector*

Malu Cascelli  
*Seeding Transformation: Growing Imagination, Hope, and Agency Through Embodied, Arts-Based Futures Practice*

Zhidong Chen  
*Navigating the Futurity Paradox: Strategic Foresight for China's Transition from Builder to Community Animator*

Luke Correia-Damude  
*The Future of Home: Reimagining Diasporic Belonging in an Uncertain World*

Lise Crouch  
*Unheeded Voices, Misdirected Reform: Barriers to Senior Ranks for Women in Canadian Policing*

Ann de Sequeira  
*Loneliness in the Age of AI Companions*

Ziyan Hossain  
*Designing with Grief: The PACER Framework for Systemic Practice Towards Post-Biological Systems of Care, Memory, and Connection*

Markhan Mushtaque Hussain  
*From Access to Agency: Rethinking Long-Term Financial Inclusion for Immigrant Women Aged 35+ in the Greater Toronto Area*

Dania Idam  
*System Error: Dance, Puppet Examining the structures behind the pressure to perform online, and imagining alternatives*

Ugochi Imoka  
*The Futures of Learning*

Sasha Kam Kin  
*PLURIBIRTH: Futures of Birthspace*

Neecha Klee  
*Designing for Intentional Consumption: The role of design in supporting agency among Canadian youth for sustainable consumption*

Harvey Li  
*Intergenerational Design Toolkit for Digital Games: A Strategic Foresight Approach to Bridging Digital Divides*

Meg Lin  
*Loneliness in the Age of AI Companions*

Brian Malott  
*Wise Practices for First Nations Apprenticeships in Skilled Trades in Southwestern Ontario*

Kory McGrath  
*PLURIBIRTH: Futures of Birthspace*

Brandon Meawasige  
*The Great Canadian Labour Source: Reframing Indigenous Education Pathways Toward Employment and Long-Term Prosperity*

Das Moodley  
*Social Entrepreneurship and Systems Collaboration: Building Communities of Commitment to Address Complexity*

Aisling Nolan  
*The Hidden Work of Parenting: Redesigning Circular Systems for Effortless, Sustainable Consumption*

Noor Ul Sabah  
*Mainstream Adoption of Smart Gymwear for Injury Prevention*

Beyza Ozmen  
*Evolving Play: Designing Healthy Digital Game Environments for Childhood*

Janine Pierre  
*The Future of Home: Reimagining Diasporic Belonging in an Uncertain World*

Maria Pieschacon  
*Integrating Nature-Based Interventions In Early Childhood Education Settings In Ontario*

Paulina Rousseau  
*Urban Land Stewardship: Fostering Pathways for Collective Care*

Zachary Scholtz  
*PLURIBIRTH: Futures of Birthspace*

Marolin Solano  
*From Access to Agency: Rethinking Long-Term Financial Inclusion for Immigrant Women Aged 35+ in the Greater Toronto Area*

Valeria Suing  
*Exploring Sustainable Futures in Coffee Systems*

Argerie Tzouras  
*Understanding Cities as Systems: Making a Case for Foresight*

Hannah Weider  
*Designing for Intentional Consumption: The role of design in supporting agency among Canadian youth for sustainable consumption*

Yang Yi  
*Intergenerational Design Toolkit for Digital Games: A Strategic Foresight Approach to Bridging Digital Divides*

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George Angus

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Catherine Thornley Carmichael

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Jerry Dowling

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Peter Jacob Grundy

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Chinkok Tan

Daniel Thornhill

# 2025-26 AWARDS AND MEDALS

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## **Mussawer Ahmed**

*CBOE Canada Award for  
Disruptive Design*

## **Juanita Alba Vanegas**

*Printmaking &  
Publications Award*

## **Miriam Altamira Gama**

*Ellen Adams Award*

## **Erica Amato**

*Experimental Animation  
Faculty Award*

## **Maria Azevedo Graca**

*Paul Stephens Memorial Award*

## **Hugo Bernilla**

*OCAD University Medal*

## **Derek Berry**

*Sharon Merkur Memorial Award*

## **Lilly Black**

*Anne Adler Kagan Award*

## **g blekkenhorst**

*OCAD University Medal*

## **Heart Valen Bolivar**

*OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award*

## **Veronika Bondarenko**

*Patricia Joy Alpert  
Memorial Award*

## **Juliet Bonham-Carter**

*Friends of Fibre Award*

## **Jes Bonnie**

*Samuel Lazer Kagan Award*

## **Ben Bui**

*Fred Hagan "Passion  
in Painting" Award*

## **Denise Cabanero Sagmit**

*StoryBee Bains Social Impact  
Award in Illustration*

## **Maggie Cameron**

*Experimental Animation  
Faculty Award*

## **Jenny Chan**

*OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award*

## **Green Choi**

*Nancy Jain Sustainability Award  
for Environmental Design*

## **Kayli Chow**

*Digital Futures Award*

## **Bri Christie**

*OCAD University Medal*

## **Peyton Cote**

*Won Lee Fine Art Award  
(Drawing & Painting)*

## **Ella Craig**

*Environmental Design  
Award for Excellence  
in Sustainable Design*

## **Willa Crowder**

*Michèle Cowan Memorial Award*

## **Yohannes Delina**

*OCAD University Medal*

## **Stella Dipieri**

*OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award*

## **Callum Donovan-Grujicich**

*Haydn Davies Memorial Award*

## **Christina Doroshyn**

*Joan and Clifford Hatch  
Foundation Award in  
Life Studies*

## **Darah Galbraith**

*Carl and Trudy Michailoff  
Award in Drawing & Painting*

## **Annie Gao**

*Nancy Jain Sustainability  
Award for Industrial Design*

## **Gabby Gerbasi**

*Eric Freifeld Award*

## **Joshua Gonsalves**

*Ontario Association  
of Architects Award*

## **Nimeesha Gulati**

*Nestor Golets: FolioCreative  
Endowment Award*

## **Thalia Hartmann**

*Lily Yung Memorial Award*

## **Marketa Holtebrinck**

*Fred Hagan Memorial Award*

## **Kai Hu**

*OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award  
Visual & Critical Studies Award*

## **Ayse Ipekdokuyan**

*John Madott Fine Art Award*

## **Ben Janssen**

*Photography Department  
Excellence Award*

## **Rojin Javadi**

*Pandora Y. H. Ho  
Memorial Award*

## **Ashia Jeon**

*Sculpture/Installation  
Faculty Award*

## **Alyssa Johnson**

*Lillian Allen Creative  
Writing Award*

**Arina Kalantar Hormozi**

OCAD University Medal  
Mrs. W.O. Forsyth Award  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Mabel Kasunic**

Edward David Aziz Award  
of Innovative Excellence

**Kyra Kaushal**

Mrs. W.O. Forsyth Award

**Zenab Kazmi**

Carl and Trudy Michailoff  
Award in Sculpture/  
Installation

**Dania Khan**

Jeff Watson Memorial  
Digital Futures Award

**Pearl Koblinsky**

OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Meelana Kravchenko**

Cumine Family Award  
(Illustration)

**Adewole Louis**

Carmen Lamanna Award

**Gabrielle MacIntosh**

Experimental Animation  
Faculty Award

**Sue MacKay**

Arts & Letters Club of Toronto  
Foundation Ina Gilbert  
Visual Arts Award

**Max Mancuso**

OCAD University Medal  
Nicholas Metivier Drawing Award  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Zahra Mansuri**

Dora Wechsler Memorial Award

**Alice Matsui**

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**Alexander McIntyre**

Dorothy Hoover Award

**Yana Mikhailava**

Jeff Watson Memorial  
Digital Futures Award

**Shannon Molenaar**

OCAD University Medal

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Pam Diederichs Award

**Mehrana Nazari**

Photography Department  
Excellence Award

**Natalie Obregon Recabarren**

Donna MacLean Award

**Chimemlie Okafor**

Mrs. W.O. Forsyth Award

**Lea Ovčina**

OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Ito Palaganas**

StoryBee Bains Social Impact  
Award in Illustration

**Claire Pardy**

AdClub of Toronto Award

**Aaryan Pashine**

Nora E. Vaughan Award  
OCAD University Medal

**Alessandra Camille Perreras**

Bluma Appel Award

**Edouard Potvin**

Nicholas Metivier  
Drawing Award

**Judhell Ramirez**

Jeff Watson Memorial  
Digital Futures Award

**Artemis Reed**

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Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Olivia Reynolds**

OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

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Lyn Jamison Award

**Bree Rosberg**

Arts & Letters Club of Toronto  
Foundation Award

**Asia Ruggiero**

OCAD University Medal  
Criticism & Curatorial  
Practice Award  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Firouzeh Saremifar**

Won Lee Fine Art Award  
(Sculpture/Installation)

**Maryam Shehzad**

OCAD University Medal

**Diana Silla**

OCAD University Medal  
Joan and Clifford Hatch  
Foundation Award in  
Life Studies  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Robbie Simpson**

Robbie Award

**May Sith**

Cumine Family Award  
(Advertising)

**Claire Sun**

Vida Peene Memorial Award

**Liv Sydney**

OCAD University Medal  
Indigenous Visual Culture Award  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Mabel Tam**

Nicholas Metivier  
Drawing Award

**Herin Tang**

Integrated Media Faculty Award

**Tugce Tasdemir**

April Hickox Photography Award

**Matt Trinh**

Hunt & McEwen Sculpture/  
Installation Award

**Winwin Tse**

Jack Dixon Award for  
Excellence in Detailing  
in Environmental Design

**Argerie Tzouras**

OCAD University Medal

**Shawn Vieron**

OCAD University Medal  
Haydn Davies Memorial Award  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Samuel Wasserman**

Experimental Animation  
Faculty Award

**Kelli Wood**

Cumine Family Award  
(Graphic Design)

**Yixuan Xiao**

Jeff Watson Memorial  
Digital Futures Award

**Carson Weifenglong Yang**

OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award  
Verant Richards Photography  
Award & Prize

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OCAD University Medal  
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Nora E. Vaughan Award

**Meicen Zhou**

OCAD University Medal  
Nora E. Vaughan Award

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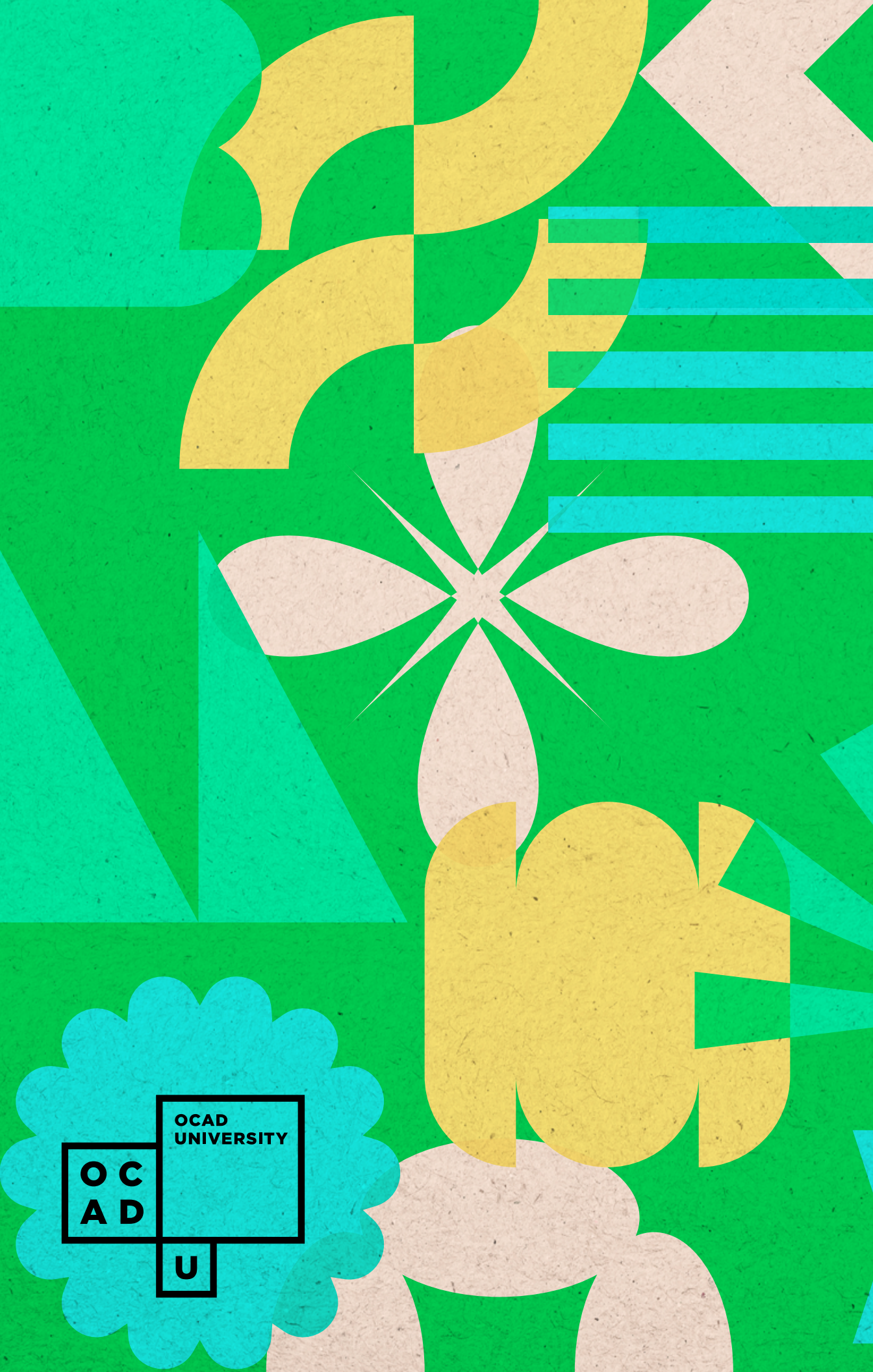
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