

Public Service Announcement

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Regina, Saskatchewan

New Faculty Members to Join First Nations University of Canada in July 2022

On July 1, 2022, the First Nations University of Canada welcomed two new faculty members in Indigenous Languages, and Indigenous Business & Public Administration. A third member will begin on July 11, 2022, in Indigenous Education. All new faculty will be based out of the Regina Campus.

Tammy Ratt, Lecturer, Indigenous Languages – July 1, 2022

Tammy Ratt isiyihkâsow. wiya nêhiyaw êkwa Scottish iskwêw. She is a Lac La Ronge Indian band member raised in Yellowknife, NT., and Regina, SK. Tammy is a mother of two girls.

Tammy received a Bachelor of Indigenous Education, Secondary Education, with a major in Indigenous Studies and a minor in Cree at the First Nations University of Canada. She completed a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Regina. Tammy started a Master of Indigenous Language Education (MILED), which inspired her to apply for a Ph.D., to begin at the University of Regina in the fall. Her research interests are in Indigenous language revitalization and Indigenous art.

Tammy has been an Indigenous advocate for the past two years. She has been a Sessional Instructor with the First Nations University of Canada for the past three years, teaching beginner-level Cree and education classes. Before she became a faculty member with FNU, Tammy worked at the Regina Public School Board, where she taught Native Studies and Cree for 13 years.

Tim Isnana, Lecturer, Indigenous Business & Public Administration – July 1, 2022

Tim Isnana, a Standing Buffalo Dakota Nation member, is entering his second year as a Doctor of Business Administration student at Athabasca University. Tim holds a Master of Business Administration from Athabasca University and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He is an FNU (SIFC) alumni, where his education journey began. Tim's research includes Indigenous Corporate Social Responsibility, Indigenous Stakeholder Partnerships and Natural Resources (water).

Tim was an instructor/curriculum developer with the Athabasca University and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies. Tim has over 20 years of business industry experience. He applies his wealth of business knowledge and expertise by teaching Indigenous learners the business fundamentals applicable to their future careers—a journey balanced in both Indigenous and western knowledge.

Leah Missens, Lecturer, Indigenous Education – July 11, 2022

Leah Missens is a member of the Pasqua First Nation and resides in Regina, SK. Leah received a Bachelor of Indigenous Education and a Master of Indigenous Education from the First Nations University of Canada. Leah enjoys research projects that focus on connecting academia, community, land-based, and environmental knowledge.

Leah is a proud and humble First Nation Nakwe/nêhiyawak woman who remains optimistic about upcoming opportunities and challenges. Her journey of lifelong learning and perspectives are embedded within by the guidance of Elders, knowledge keepers, ceremonies, colleagues, family, and community. Leah was a Sessional Instructor with the First Nations University of Canada and worked with the Regina Public Schools and Chief Paskwa Education Centre as a teacher and administrator with a multitude of educational experiences.

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