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### JUNE 2019 - FLAS FELLOW FOCUS!

Dear Colleagues – Rich, Marion and I are proud to introduce the 2019-20 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellows. Several fellows will study French (Lauren at McGill University this summer); five will study Inuktitut, an Inuit language; and Tsudoi will continue his studies of Tsek'ene (or Sekani), a First Nations language spoken in British Columbia. This year's fellows represent marine affairs, global health, linguistics, museology, archaeology, political science and the Jackson School. It is our hope that the study of Québec and Indigenous Peoples and languages in Canada will assist our fellows in integrating inclusive and diverse perspectives in their respective fields. For a past listing of awardees and stories from our fellows, visit our [FLAS website](#). – Nadine C. Fabbi, Managing Director

### 2019-2020 FELLOWS



#### **Ellen Ahlness, Inuktitut**

Ellen is a Ph.D. candidate (political science). Her research looks at Indigenous-state relations and Arctic environmental politics. [MORE](#)

#### **Elena Bell, Inuktitut**

Elena is a Ph.D. student (international studies) focusing on people-to-people diplomacy in the Arctic region between Canada, the U.S. and Russia. [MORE](#)



### **Yanni Chang, Inuktitut**

Yanni is a concurrent M.D./M.P.H. (public health) student learning how to use traditional knowledge to improve health care in Indigenous communities. [MORE](#)



### **Boo Dodson, French**

Boo is a second-year law and concurrent M.A. student (international studies). His research explores legal issues around international trade, constitutional law, and Indigenous title rights in Canada. [MORE](#)



### **Christopher Downey, Inuktitut**

Christopher is a first-year Ph.D. student (computational linguistics) focused on preserving and revitalizing endangered Indigenous languages. [MORE](#)



### **Paquita Esterly, French**

Paquita is a second-year M.A. student (museology). Her research focuses on Canadian museum models and strategies for community and Indigenous curation. [MORE](#)

### **Claire Gwayi-Chore, French**

Claire is a Ph.D. student (global health implementation science) evaluating access to



health care by francophone Africans within Canada's federal health program. [MORE](#)



### **Lauren MacHarg, French**

Lauren is an M.P.H. student (public health) concentrating on differences in how governments and health ministries implement public health initiatives, particularly in Canada and the U.S. [MORE](#)



### **Tsudoi Wada, Tsek'ene**

Tsudoi is a second-year Ph.D. student (general linguistics), engaged in fieldwork documenting the First Nations' language Tsek'ene to help preserve and revitalize its use. [MORE](#)



### **Elizabeth Wessells, Inuktitut**

Elizabeth is a second-year Ph.D. student (archaeology) researching decolonizing methodologies in museums, community-driven collaborative research and Indigenous knowledge use in policy. [MORE](#)

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