

**THIS IS**  
**THE TRENT CAMPAIGN FOR**  
**MOMENTOUS**  
**CHANGE**

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Case for support

# **mo-men-tous**

of great importance or significance, especially in its bearing on the future.



# A TIME FOR MOMENTOUS CHANGE

From the health of our planet to the sustainability of our economies and the strength of our communities, momentous change is happening right now, all around us.

Built on a history of progress, at Trent University we are driven to **understand, activate, and steer** change for good. Trent students, faculty, and staff join this academic community because of their deep desire to participate in – and lead – momentous change. Their learning and research are more important than ever, and it requires support and investment from individuals and organizations near and far.

Trent's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (the Liberal Arts) leads the way in the resurgence of creativity and the ability to think differently. Our strength lies in the breadth of disciplines offered, our curiosity that crosses disciplinary boundaries, and our experiential and inclusive learning environment that expands knowledge, builds careers and changes lives.

**The Campaign for Momentous Change will drive research and discovery in the Liberal Arts through collaboration with local and global communities. It will support our students as advocates for social and environmental justice, equity, and reconciliation. And it will create inspiring places that will steer solutions to society's most pressing challenges.**

**“ To change the world, we need to enable leaders who are **creative, innovative and impactful** – leaders with a foundation and aspiration to create **just, healthy and sustainable societies** – and to inspire leaders we need to invest in Liberal Arts students.”**

**Dr. Mark Skinner**

Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences



# THE PILLARS OF MOMENTOUS CHANGE

Trent University's most ambitious and comprehensive philanthropic campaign is built on three consequential pillars that shape and inspire momentous change.

## Discovery

Momentous change through research and discovery is possible when Trent's students, faculty, and researchers are empowered to work alongside communities across the globe; when they can question their own beliefs and knowledge systems; and when critical thinking is informed by Indigenous ways of knowing and diverse perspectives.

## Students

Momentous change happens when financial barriers to education are removed, exemplary students are celebrated, collaboration is enabled, and student wellness is prioritized.

## Places

Momentous change happens when inspiring places spark creativity. This requires the active stewardship and renewal of Trent's heritage and investment in learning spaces that will propel discovery, stimulate conversation, and cultivate a sense of belonging.

**“ We are living in a time of deep existential crisis. It is of utmost importance that we do the type of work that will sustain us into the future; oriented around justice, transformation, and positive growth.”**

**Dr. Jessica Marion Barr**

Trent faculty, coordinator of the Bachelor of Arts and Science (BAS) program



# MOMENTOUS CHANGE THROUGH DISCOVERY

The Liberal Arts instill the ability to think differently, to see things from multiple angles, and to harness our imagination and creativity to solve problems. It equips students with the skills, experience, languages, and knowledge to change minds, empower communities, and move us all forward.

Trent's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has been educating global change leaders for more than 50 years.

We believe that tackling issues in the areas that matter most to us attracts forward-thinking individuals. At Trent, students work with renowned faculty, including 10 endowed chairs and Canada Research Chairs in the Liberal Arts, to address global social challenges alongside equally passionate community leaders.

A quality education requires an understanding of the world around us. At Trent, we encourage students to collaborate across our wide breadth of academic programs, to gain a global perspective through study abroad opportunities, and to bring about momentous change where it is needed the most – in our communities.

Today's business environment requires agile graduates who are well-versed in collaborative and interactive engagement. For this reason, we provide students with hands-on learning opportunities

through more than 20 Liberal Arts co-op programs to engage with real-world problems and develop innovative solutions.

With your support, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences can bolster experiential learning opportunities, both locally and abroad; attract world-class scholars who value Indigenous Knowledge, environmental sustainability, and social justice; and create new initiatives and programs that advance the cross-pollination of ideas.

Investment in the Liberal Arts at Trent opens opportunities for students to determine their own pathways by exploring interdisciplinary approaches, the links between critical thinking and creativity and innumerable career possibilities.

To propel societies forward, we need Liberal Arts students who think in unconventional ways, see things from multiple angles, and harness their imaginations to drive discovery.

The Trent Campaign for Momentous Change provides opportunities to support discovery within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences through endowed chairs, research centres, experiential learning opportunities, and more.

To learn more, visit [trentu.ca/momentous](https://trentu.ca/momentous)



SPOTLIGHT

# CHANIE WENJACK SCHOOL FOR INDIGENOUS STUDIES



## Support Groundbreaking Leadership In Indigenous Resurgence

Building on Trent's 50+ year legacy of leadership in Indigenous education and incorporating traditional teachings and perspectives into curricular and extra-curricular programming, the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies equips students with the knowledge and understanding to bring Indigenous and Western knowledge systems together to tackle contemporary challenges in ethical, innovative ways.

As the first university to create a department dedicated to Indigenous education and the first in Canada to create an Indigenous course requirement for all students, Trent is producing leaders who will drive worldwide societal change.

The Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies fosters strong advocacy for social and environmental justice, equity, and reconciliation. We believe that Indigenous Knowledge, cultures,

languages, and lands should be celebrated and respected. Social and sacred fires in the tipi, visits to the medicine garden, learning on the land, and walks with faculty and Elders are an integral part of the Trent experience for every student.

With your support, we can create a hub for Indigenous scholarship, culturally appropriate spaces where Indigenous cultural teachings are accessible and respected, and opportunities to revitalize Indigenous culture and languages. Together we can support Indigenous Knowledge for the 21st century.

To achieve reconciliation, we need to deepen our understanding of the land, value the importance of Indigenous teachings and learnings, and amplify Indigenous voices across our campus, through our communities and around the world.

To learn more about the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies and ways you can support its important work, please visit [trentu.ca/momentous](https://trentu.ca/momentous)



**“ What we offer here through the use of Indigenous Knowledge is a way to think about how to create consensus. How to bring people together. How to bring different knowledges together. How to help people to learn how to work together.”**

**David Newhouse**

Trent faculty and director of the  
Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies,  
2022 3M Teaching Fellow



# MOMENTOUS CHANGE POWERED BY STUDENTS

The ability to communicate clearly, approach challenges with a broad, interdisciplinary perspective and be creative and adaptable has never been more important. To put it simply – the world needs more Liberal Arts graduates.

With your support, we can position Trent as a centre of excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences that attracts, educates, and supports future-ready leaders.

At its heart, Trent's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is about people. We believe in providing a personalized, student-centered learning experience built on Indigenization, environmental sustainability, and social justice. Our strength in interdisciplinarity is found in the quality of our student experiences, faculty research and community impact.

Students who want to see and do things differently are drawn to the Liberal Arts at Trent. They understand the power of words

and language in preserving unique cultural memory and knowledge and as drivers for positive change. They strive to gain a deeper understanding of who we are by looking at our past, looking at popular culture, and looking at the ethical and legal underpinnings of modern life.

We empower our students to use their voices, develop new perspectives, gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing, and graduate as leaders with global experience prepared to transform communities.

From world-renowned writers to Supreme Court justices, business leaders and innovators – Trent graduates go on to change the world. Your investment in Liberal Arts students is an investment in a brighter future for all.

The Trent Campaign for Momentous Change provides opportunities to support the students of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences through scholarships, bursaries, student wellness and more.

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# SCHOOL FOR THE STUDY OF CANADA

## More Than 50 Years of Looking At Canada Differently

New and emboldened social movements, economic challenges, global health crises and environmental change are rapidly redefining our world – and Canada is changing with it.

Trent's School for the Study of Canada is committed to fostering fresh thinking about our country's past and its future and sees inclusivity and diversity as an opportunity for social equity and better scholarship. Our focus on an integrated, interdisciplinary approach fosters new idea and knowledge formation, debate, investigation, and discussion about Canada through a broad and diverse educational experience.

We believe in empowering students to understand Canada in critical and relevant ways to position them as leaders and change-makers in virtually all walks of life. We believe that it is only through the rigorous analysis of Canada that we can promote new understandings of inclusivity, anti-racism, and decolonization and become true agents of change.

Help us to equip our students for the future by investing in new and expanded curriculum, endowed chairs, research centres, experiential learning opportunities, and more. This investment will support an adaptable, high-calibre education grounded in critical thinking, inclusivity, and diverse worldviews.

To learn more about the School for the Study of Canada and ways you can support its work, please visit [trentu.ca/momentous](https://trentu.ca/momentous).

**“ Momentous change happens when individuals and communities come together with a shared vision and take action towards creating a better future.”**

**Tahmid Ar Rafid**

International Development  
Studies student



# MOMENTOUS CHANGE FROM HERE

Trent is a place where creativity and aesthetics are deeply valued and supported. A place where students are encouraged to express themselves, find their voice and become advocates for change.

While Trent's iconic architecture is deeply ingrained in the history and heritage of our community, these spaces are also home to state-of-the-art facilities, Indigenous traditional areas, and performance spaces.

Here interdisciplinary cross-pollination sparks deep debate around some of society's biggest challenges, and students find a sense of belonging and an environment in which to explore and put their knowledge to the test.

We encourage learning on and from the land and water. For example, Liberal Arts students and faculty are working on impactful projects to restore natural ecosystems through art, drawing inspiration from Trent's 11 nature areas. Others are digging deeper into our past, imagining our

future, and ensuring that our campuses remain a nexus for solutions that transcend disciplinary boundaries.

With your support, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences can purposefully steward its established heritage sites and create new and innovative facilities with cutting-edge media and technologies to strengthen our capacity to address future challenges.

Our world is rapidly changing. Facing these changes requires inspiring places that foster multidisciplinary research, collaboration, creative expression, and community.

The Trent Campaign for Momentous Change provides opportunities to support the places of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences through capital investments, endowments, school naming rights, and more.

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# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Help Shape Leaders Who Redefine the Role of Business in Society

In today's interconnected and fast-changing global economy, we need agile thinkers, innovators, communicators, and problem solvers, who can lead discovery for the organizations of tomorrow.

The largest and fastest-growing program at Trent, the School of Business understands that success is measured by progress towards positive social and environmental change. That's why our programs are deeply rooted in Trent's values of Indigeneity, environmental sustainability, and social justice.

Here we encourage students to explore beyond their disciplines, search outside their comfort zones, challenge norms and leverage the diverse perspectives provided by their Trent education. We blend community engagement with Indigenous knowledge to create pathways to learning and change.


These integrated experiences equip our students to redefine the role businesses play in society.

We believe that fostering a network of extraordinary leaders results in game-changing innovation. Our students have access to the knowledge and expertise of a dedicated alumni community of business leaders and mentors plus real-world business experiences through internships, placements, and community-based research projects.

With your support, the School of Business can continue to be a launchpad for change-leaders by strengthening our offering of real-world learning and mentorship opportunities, removing financial barriers to education, and ensuring that students have the latest technology and infrastructure at their fingertips.

By investing in the School of Business, you are opening doors to opportunities to lead change in unexpected areas.

Discover opportunities to support Trent's School of Business at [trentu.ca/momentous](https://trentu.ca/momentous)

A portrait of Anita Erskine '99, a Black woman with long, dark braids, wearing a dark blue blazer with gold buttons, a dark turtleneck, and a dark scarf. She is standing in a modern office or library setting with bookshelves in the background. Her hands are clasped in front of her, and she has red nail polish and a gold watch.

**“ You cannot go global if you don’t understand people, their cultures, their languages and their characteristics. This is what Trent gave to me.”**

**Anita Erskine '99**

Trent alumna and Trent’s 2023 CEO-In-Residence CEO of Anita Erskine Media, voted one of the most influential women in Africa and one of the most inspirational Ghanaian public figures by *Avance Media*, *Glitz Africa*, *Those Who Inspire*, and *Who’s Who in Ghana*

**THIS IS A CALL TO THOSE UNAFRAID  
TO CHANGE THE WORLD, CHALLENGE  
THEIR OWN PERSPECTIVES, AND  
CHAMPION THE VALUE OF HUMANITIES  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.**

**THIS CAMPAIGN IS INSPIRED BY TRENT'S  
LEGACY IN THE LIBERAL ARTS, THE  
RESURGENCE OF CRITICAL THINKING  
AND CREATIVITY, AND THIS MOMENT  
OF MOMENTUM.**

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FOR MOMENTOUS CHANGE.**





# FACULTY OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Schools

Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies

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School for the Study of Canada

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School of Business

## Departments & Programs

Ancient Greek and Roman Studies

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Anthropology

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Archaeology

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Arts and Sciences

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Criminology

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Cultural Studies

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Economics

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English Literature

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French and Francophone Studies

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Gender and Social Justice

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History

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Human Rights

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Indigenous Environmental Studies

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International Development Studies

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Law and Arts

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Media Studies

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Philosophy

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Political Studies

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Social Work

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Sociology

## Centres & Institutes

Boodweh Centre for Indigenous Knowledges  
and Languages

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Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation Centre  
(ESIC)

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Enwayaang Institute for Professional Learning

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Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous  
Studies

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Indigenous Environmental Institute

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Nozhem First Peoples Performance Space

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Trent Centre for Aging and Society

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Trent Centre for Language and Linguistics

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Trent University Archaeological Research Centre

## Canada Research Chairs

CRC in Carework, Ethnicity, Race and Aging

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CRC in Community-Partnered Social Justice

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CRC in Environmental Archaeology

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CRC in Feminist and Gender Studies

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CRC in Media Culture and the Environment

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CRC in the Study of the Canadian North

## Endowed Chairs

Jarislowsky Chair in Trust and Political Leadership

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Kenneth Mark Drain Chair in Ethics

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Fulbright Research Chairs

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Vanier Professorship







Be part of the momentous change.  
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