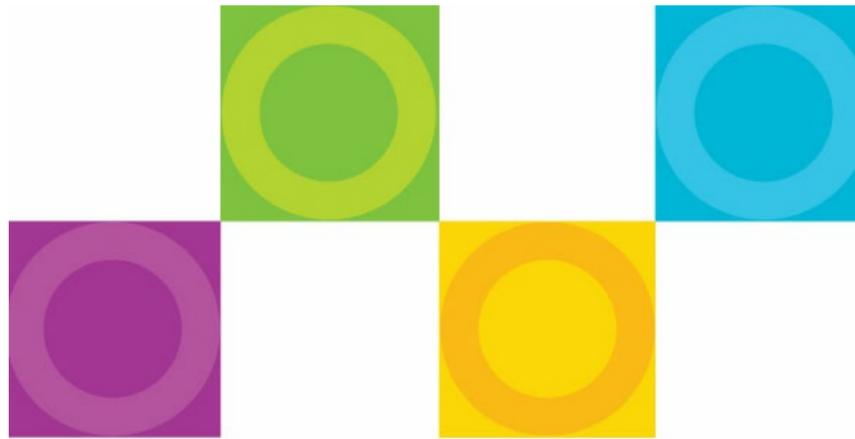


# MY UNIVERSITY

April 2022



## A word from our President Pierre Ouellette



It's hard being quiet about the month, week, and day of the Francophonie! For the first time in two years, we were able to celebrate our culture and language in person. It was a real pleasure. Throughout the month of March, we participated in numerous activities in the community, a busy but important period for us as we strive to carve out a place for the UOF in the community and affirm our role as a hub of Francophonie, which is one of our primary aspirations.

I would like to thank everyone who visited our campus while attending the Toronto French Book Fair. It was a breath of fresh air to welcome you all. Hundreds of you came out to hear authors, poets, artists, and to make the campus walls vibrate! Thank you to the UOF staff who spared no time and energy to make our university shine on this occasion. Above all, congratulations to the Toronto French Book Fair's Board of Directors for this beautiful event that we hope to host again in the future.

I wish you a good April and see you soon!



## My Universe

## The UOF Presents its Students

In a webcast entitled [Mon univers - étudier à l'UOF : toute une expérience](#), [only available in French] Gradora, Aristotle, Rosine and Wallis share their student experience at the l'Université de l'Ontario français. Having all made the choice to study in Canada, they tell us about their arrival in Canada, their integration into Toronto and Francophone university life.

Gradora, a Digital Cultures student, began her UOF adventure in Haiti, her native country, thanks to the possibility of online courses. Aristotle, who is enrolled in the Economics and Social Innovations program, particularly appreciates the globalization course included in the core curriculum. He sees the centrality of the human being within the various economic norms. Rosine, a student in urban environments, was seduced by the job opportunities offered by her program. She already imagines herself as an environmental or sustainability officer. Wallis chose the Bachelor of Arts in Human Plurality. She has been living at Parkside University Residences where she is discovering the multiculturalism of the city of Toronto! Feel free to listen to the show and send us your comments at [communications@uontario.ca](mailto:communications@uontario.ca).

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## The Human at the Center of Digital Interactions

For its 40th anniversary, the Wallonie-Bruxelles delegation in Quebec City, along with the organization Francophonie sans frontières, organized a Matin Francophone conference on knowledge and the digital world. This hybrid and original event allowed the community to close out the Mois de la francophonie.

Professor Hela Zahar, who is in charge of studies and research in digital cultures department, participated in the conversation by underlining the importance of working on projects to develop her students' critical thinking skills but also to make them aware of the transformations linked to digital technology in the professional world.

"It's very important to determine what skills we can offer to the future generation," she says, "we have to ask the question, what are the transformations related to the digital sphere in professional life?" According to her, the UOF can contribute to the answer by the very fact that it works closely with its Carrefour francophone du savoir et de l'innovation. "We can see what's really happening in the field and we connect that with our courses to try to give as many skills as possible that are related to it."

In her courses, Professor Zahar asks her students about the type of social relationships they want to create, but also about the new social interactions they would like to have. She reminds us that it is essential to put the human at the center of digital interactions. "We try to understand and make our students aware of the fact that a digital medium has its own rules of operating that establish the nature of the social relationships that are expressed and created there. These relationships are, among other things, dependent on the form, nature and functioning of the digital media and have an impact on the type of social relationship created."

While she has chosen to make the smartphone a central part of the first-year curriculum, Zahar is pleased to see that her students are realizing that they use it for many different reasons and platforms. Zahar explains that this is due to the diversity of her students' backgrounds and experiences. "This awareness leads us to develop together a framework of analysis based on their observations and to develop knowledge and understanding of digital practices and functionalities."



# Ramadan Mubarak



On this April 1st, the UOF wishes a good start to the month of Ramadan to all members of the community who observe it. Knowing that for the past two years the pandemic has slowed down the celebrations and gatherings of all, we hope that the community can gather in peace.



## Looking Back

### Great Success for the 29th Edition of the Toronto Book Fair

With the return of the event in person, nearly 400 reading enthusiasts met at the UOF campus on March 18 and 19. They met in person with Canadian francophone authors: a great way to celebrate the mois de la Francophonie. To learn more, [read this article](#) [only available in French].

### UOF's First Steps in Building a Tradition of Research

On March 23, Ryerson University, the UOF and its Carrefour francophone du savoir et de l'innovation hosted the Francophone team of the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration. The panelists discussed the state of their research in French on the issue of migration and integration. To learn more, [read this article](#) [only available in French].



## Looking Ahead

**BRAVO** Le Bureau du Regroupement des Artistes Visuels en Ontario présente

**ART: entre émotions et langues**

Du 5 au 6 avril 2022

SYMPOSIUM SUR LES NEUROSCIENCES DE L'ART ET DE LA CRÉATIVITÉ

EN PERSONNE ET MODE VIRTUEL

### Last Chance to Register for the Art : entre émotions et langues Symposium

The April 5 and 6 event is organized by the Bureau des regroupements des artistes visuels de l'Ontario (BRAVO) in collaboration with the l'Université de l'Ontario français and its Carrefour francophone du savoir et de l'innovation.

The UOF offers you a 50% discount on the ticket price: [register](#) using the promo code BRAVOUOF50.

### What is Intergenerational Equity?

The Réseau international des maisons des francophonies (RIMF), of which the UOF is a member, and the Association des amis de la Déclaration universelle des droits de l'humanité are organizing a webinar on April 22 at 9:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the theme of intergenerational equity. Registration is open: [Équité intergénérationnelle autour du vivant](#) [Intergenerational Equity Around the Living].

## We are Looking for People who are Interested in Small Francophone Universities

In preparation for the annual conference of the Réseau de la recherche sur la francophonie canadienne (RRF), to be held in November at the UOF, a call for papers is currently being issued. The specific theme of the conference is: "[Le rôle et la mission des université de petites tailles au sein de la francophone](#)". [The Role and Mission of Small Universities in the Francophonie].

If you are interested, please submit your draft paper in French to [colloquerrf@acufc.ca](mailto:colloquerrf@acufc.ca) by **May 20, 2022**.

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## Installation of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the Université de l'Ontario français

Mark your calendars: May 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. It is at this time that Mr. Paul Rouleau, Chancellor and Pierre Ouellette, Vice-Chancellor, and President of the UOF will be sworn in. This will be followed by the first presentation of certificates in the history of the UOF.

Details to come...



## Career opportunities

The Université de l'Ontario français is recruiting! Discover the opportunities and join a team that fits your vision. To find out more, [check out all job offers](#).



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