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A Message to Our Community from Dean Glen Jones

Dear OISE Community,

I want to thank all of you for your hard work during the very busy academic term that has just concluded. As the weather slowly (very slowly) signals the transition to spring/summer, I thought I would share a few items of information and good news.

Promotions

The following exemplary members of our community were recently approved for promotion to the rank of Full Professor, effective July 1, 2017.

Professor Xi (Becky) Chen-Bumgardner, Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development: Professor Chen is a highly regarded leader in the field of biliteracy. Her numerous publications and funded research projects have made many original and important scholarly contributions to our understanding of bilingual and ELL language development in children.

Professor Ruth Childs, Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education: Professor Childs has gained wide recognition for her outstanding work in the field of measurement and evaluation as applied to education. The esteem in which she is held as a researcher can be seen from her recent appointment as *Ontario Research Chair in Postsecondary Education Policy and Measurement*.

Professor Eunice Eunhee Jang, Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development: Professor Jang is an internationally recognized scholar in the field of language testing and assessment. Her approach to diagnostic modelling has had great impact in both theoretical and applied contexts, and as a teacher and mentor she has contributed greatly to the development of her students as researchers.

Professor Linda Muzzin, Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education: Professor Muzzin has established an influential body of interdisciplinary scholarship that extends to fields as diverse as the sociology of professions, pharmacy education, science education, and processes of minoritization in higher education. She is highly regarded as an excellent and innovative teacher and mentor.

Professor Jean-Paul Restoule, Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education: Professor Restoule has made tremendous contributions to the field of Indigenous Education not only at OISE but also throughout Ontario and Canada. His scholarship and teaching have made significant progress toward bridging the divide between institutions of

higher education and Indigenous communities.

Please join me in congratulating these outstanding faculty members on their achievement!

Faculty Searches

I am pleased to provide an update on this year's faculty renewal efforts. Two of our searches have led to the appointment of outstanding individuals who will be joining us as colleagues this summer:

Comparative and International Higher Education

Dr. Elizabeth Buckner will be joining the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education at the rank of Assistant Professor, effective July 1, 2017. Dr. Buckner received her PhD in International and Comparative Education and Sociology of Education from Stanford University in 2014. Currently she is Visiting Assistant Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, where she teaches courses in comparative and international higher education and conducts theoretically-informed, policy-relevant comparative research on the privatization and internationalization of higher education systems, university practices, and student outcomes. As a specialist in higher education in the Middle East and North Africa, Dr. Buckner will also bring valuable area expertise to LHAE and CIDECE. Her research has been published in several peer-reviewed journals such as *Higher Education*, *Studies in Higher Education*, *Comparative Education*, and *The British Journal of Middle East Studies*.

Science Education

Dr. Michelle Dubek will be joining the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning at the rank of Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, effective July 1, 2017. Dr. Dubek obtained her PhD from OISE in 2013 and is currently teaching at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. She has extensive teaching experience at multiple levels both in schools and in teacher education programs. Her teaching focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) education incorporates her research on science pedagogy, including innovative pedagogical designs that integrate technology and art for enhanced science education. Dr. Dubek's pedagogical scholarship also focuses on building learner engagement in science at the community level. She is deeply committed to issues of equity and diversity and has organized an annual Indigenous Education conference for UOIT students.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Buckner and Dr. Dubek to OISE!

The Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning continues its search for a tenure stream Assistant Professor in the area of *Literacy in Elementary Education*, while the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development continues its search for an tenure stream Assistant or Associate Professor in the area of *Indigenous Mental Health*.

My thanks go out to the members of these four search committees for their hard work, expertise, and judgment.

OISE Student Research 2017

I want to acknowledge two very successful events hosted in April that highlighted the range of interesting and intriguing OISE student research work. On April 7 & 8th, hundreds of individuals registered to participate in the annual OISE Graduate Student Research Conference featuring the research work of our students across departments, programs and degrees. I want to express a special thanks to graduate student co-Chairs Christopher Caldwell and Diedre-Ann Gardener as well as Megan Whitehead from the ORSS and the many additional staff and student support volunteers who made the conference such a success. A week later on April 13th, I had the pleasure of adjudicating the Master of Teaching Program's Three-Minute Thesis (TMT) Competition that featured the research work of our MT students. A big thanks to Lee Airton, Acting Research Coordinator of the MT Program and all members of CTL for organizing this terrific event.

Convocation & Academic Procession

A reminder to our community of our spring OISE Convocation Ceremony dates. OISE Convocation for Graduate Programs will take place June 16th from 10-12 (speaker Minister Mitzie Hunter) and the OISE MA CSE, MT and B.Ed. will occur on June 22nd (speaker Jean-Paul Restoule). From May 8th to 23rd Faculty and Staff will be able to [RSVP online](#) to participate in the Academic Procession for the Spring 2017 convocation ceremonies.

- A [Regalia Rental Service](#) will be available from May 8th to 23rd, for individuals to rent/purchase regalia, all of which can be collected on the day of the ceremony from Croft Chapter House, University College, 15 King's College Circle;
- Participants are required to assemble 30 minutes prior to the ceremony on the 2nd Floor of Simcoe Hall, 27 King's College Circle.

For more information, visit the Office of Convocation website or contact 416-978-3629.

Take care,



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Professor and Dean