

**Subject:** Final OISE Community Update for 2019

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Dear OISE Community,

This is my final community update for 2019. This has been a very busy year and many in our community will be taking a well deserved holiday break to spend time with family and friends. I hope you find peace and rest as we enter into 2020!

### **OISE Climate Action Summit**

OISE is organizing a Climate Action Summit to identify ways that OISE can build on the knowledge, skills, and expertise of its community to address the climate crisis. The focus will be on how our community can shift OISE programs, operations and culture towards environmental sustainability. All members of the OISE community are invited to participate, including staff, students and faculty from all departments and units.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday January 31, 2020 from 9am -12pm. Registration for this event will open in early January; more info to come in the new year.

### **Master of Teaching Visioning Update**

Throughout 2019 the Master of Teaching program has continued the journey of curriculum renewal. A dedicated group of program and course leads collaboratively and iteratively developed a list of twenty-three Program Expectations (PEs) that express and embody the renewed Program Vision established in 2018. Facilitated by course leads, instructor teams have engaged in thoughtful discussion around the PEs and the ways in which course intentions, assessments and teaching and learning practices connect. Constructive cross course conversations occurred at a program retreat in March 2019. Course and program curriculum maps that help to visualize current understandings of the program, as well as rich data from teacher candidates, alumni and faculty are being analyzed to inform future action. We look forward to ongoing consultation with internal and external partners and community members as we tackle challenging questions around program sequencing, the interweaving of research and teaching, the centering of equity and ways to foster differentiation with shared understandings.

We are learning the importance of collective reflection and productive self-questioning; the importance of student voice; the power of shared leadership; the value of research to inform renewal; the need to seek multiple perspectives from our partners and communities; and the messy, unfinished nature of the work of curriculum and coherence-making. The Vision, PEs and more detail about processes can be found at the Visioning [website](#).

### **AERA San Francisco & OISE Reception**

The OISE community will be participating in the AERA conference being hosted this year in San Francisco from April 17-21, 2020. Following an enormously successful Toronto based AERA last year, we look forward to seeing our scholars efforts featured prominently at this years AERA conference.

**SAVE THE DATE:** OISE will host a special evening reception on Sunday April 19, 2020 for faculty,

students and staff that will be attending the conference, as well as local alumni.

### **OISE Awards**

Teaching is at the core of OISE's work, and it is extremely important that we honor and recognize teaching excellence within our community. Nominations for our teaching awards are due January 24<sup>th</sup> and detailed information is available on the awards [website](#). This is a wonderful opportunity for students to recognize exceptional faculty.

OISE also has a number of awards for exceptional staff members. Information on the nomination process for our staff awards will be disseminated early in the New Year.

### **Thank You**

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your contributions and many accomplishments during 2019. I recognize that the lobby construction project has been disruptive and unsettling, and I appreciate your patience as we work hard to improve this important public space in our building. Faculty and staff within our academic departments have devoted countless hours to the self-study reports required for our University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process reviews. Many members of our community are involved in the six searches for new tenure-stream faculty that are currently underway, processes that will play a key role in identifying the next generation of academic colleagues that will move us forward. Our faculty have made enormous achievements through their teaching, research and community service activities. OISE's outstanding international reputation is built on the accomplishments of every member of our community. Thank you!

Happy Holidays and take care!

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