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Dear OISE Community,

It has been a while since my last update – many in our community were fully engaged in AERA related activities over the last several months. Thanks to everyone for the incredible effort in featuring the depth and breadth of OISE research and scholarship at AERA 2019 in Toronto.

With May soon coming to an end, June is the time we celebrate our OISE graduates (see details below). Take a moment to learn more about some achievements, events and activities happening at OISE.

Promotions

I am very pleased to share the news that three exemplary members of our community were recently approved for promotion:

Professor Rubén Gaztambide-Fernández of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning has been promoted to the rank of *Professor*, effective July 1, 2019. Professor Gaztambide-Fernández is a widely-cited researcher working in the field of Curriculum Studies at the intersection of the sociology of education, postcolonial cultural studies, and decolonial pedagogy and curriculum theory. His research, which engages with Latinx, Indigenous, and other youth communities in projects such as *Urban Arts High Schools*, *Youth Solidarities Across Boundaries*, and the *Youth Research Lab*, is known both for its international scholarly significance and its local social impact. Since 2014, Professor Gaztambide-Fernández has also been making important contributions to his field as Editor-in-Chief of *Curriculum Inquiry*.

Professor Enrica Piccardo of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning has been promoted to the rank of *Professor*, effective July 1, 2019. Professor Piccardo's scholarship and teaching focus on improving the teaching and learning of second/foreign languages by advancing curricular innovation and the understanding of linguistic diversity in Language Education, and by fostering methodological innovations in language-teaching practice. A prolific scholar who publishes in multiple languages and serves as an academic consultant on plurilingual and intercultural education for the Council of Europe, Professor Piccardo enjoys a distinguished international reputation. Since 2016, she has served as the Director of the Center for Educational Research on Languages and Literacies (CERLL).

Professor Heather Sykes of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning has been promoted to the rank of *Professor*, effective July 1, 2019. Professor Sykes's research explores social exclusion in physical education and sport, examining how issues of race and

coloniality intersect with sexuality and gender in issues ranging from fatphobia and transphobia in physical education to sexuality politics, settler colonialism, and securitization at sport mega-events. Professor Sykes is widely considered an innovating interdisciplinary scholar with an impressive record of publications and funded research that have made significant contributions to fields such as Sport Sociology, Queer Studies, and Curriculum Studies. Since 2017, Professor Sykes has been a Research Fellow for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport.

Please join me in congratulating these outstanding faculty members on this well-deserved achievement! I would also like to thank the members of the departmental and decanal promotion committees for their important work.

Congress at UBC

I would like to invite all those attending Congress at the University of British Columbia to attend the OISE special reception for all alumni, faculty, students and friends. The reception takes place on June 4th, 6:00 – 8:00pm in the East Ballroom, Ponderosa Commons Oak House (PCOH), 2075 West Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2. Kindly [RSVP](#) (acceptances only). I hope you will join us!

Spring Convocation

The OISE Spring 2019 Convocation Receptions will be held on June 11 and June 20. Please join us in congratulating our graduates and meeting family and friends of OISE at the convocation reception in the OISE Library immediately following both convocations. Please visit the UofT Convocation [website](#) for further details of the ceremonies.

PhD, EdD, MA, MEd: Tuesday, June 11 at 2:30 pm

OISE MA-CSE, MT and BEd: Thursday, June 20 at 2:30pm

OISE Alumni Reunion: Leading with Impact

On May 30th from 6:00 – 8:00pm we are hosting a special panel discussion featuring three trailblazing alumni who have dedicated their lives to change the world: Street nurse and Order of Canada recipient, **Cathy Crowe**; activist, educator and CBC host, **Amanda Parris**, and the 25th Premier of Ontario; **The Honourable Kathleen Wynne**. \$25 for alumni, faculty and staff, \$20 for students. [RSVP here.](#)

Changes to OISE Constitution and By-Laws

University policy requires faculties to periodically review their Constitution and By-Laws. At its first meeting in the Fall term of 2018, OISE Council established the Special Committee on Constitutional Revisions to conduct a review of the OISE Constitution and By-Laws and recommend to Council any changes deemed appropriate. The Committee met on March 26, 2019 and identified the need to update our Constitution and By-Laws in order to: (1) reflect the transition of OISE to an all-graduate Institute; (2) align the documents with the best governance practices within the University; and (3) ensure a more inclusive governance process at OISE. The Committee suggested a number of changes that were presented to OISE Council at the April 24, 2019 meeting. In addition to members of Council, all members of our community are invited to review the proposed changes and share their feedback. You can review the proposed changes and learn more about the revision process at: <https://uoft.me/OISE-Constitution>. Please send any feedback to oise.council@utoronto.ca.

UTOAP Reviews of OISE Programs

In 2019-2020, all degree programs in all OISE departments are scheduled for external reviews under the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP). The programs were last reviewed in 2011-2012, so the coming reviews will provide a great opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to academic excellence and reflect on our programs' development and future goals. Activities related to the reviews have already started. Currently, we are working with the departments and the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs to select nominees for external reviewers. A critical element of the review process is the preparation of a self-study by each department. This process will be consultative involving the participation of faculty, staff and students. We will continue to keep the community informed as the review process unfolds.

With Gratitude to Professor Doug McDougall

Finally, with this being my final note for this academic year, I want to express a special note of gratitude to our Associate Dean, Programs, Doug McDougall, who will be concluding his term on June 30th, 2019. Doug has been an invaluable member of the OISE academic leadership team, known for his dedicated leadership to our programs, and for always placing the student experience at the heart of our academic mission. Doug has made a huge contribution to OISE, and I have learned a great deal from his thoughtful guidance and collaborative approach. Please join me on Monday, June 17 when we will have a chance to formally thank Doug for all of his contributions. [RSVP here](#).

Take care and wishing you a terrific spring and summer!



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