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A Message to Our Community from Dean Glen Jones

Dear OISE Community,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the wonderful spring weather. I am writing to share some important announcements and updates.

OISE Promotions

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

Professor Bonnie Burstow of the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education has been promoted to the rank of *Professor, Teaching Stream*, effective July 1, 2018. Professor Burstow is a world renowned anti-psychiatry researcher and activist, whose ethically engaged scholarship has enhanced her excellence as a graduate and public educator. The influence of her scholarship has been felt in fields as diverse as adult education, mad studies, community development, women's studies and disability studies, and her superlative teaching skills have been recognized by OISE's David E. Hunt Award for Excellence in Graduate Education.

Professor Mark Evans of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning has been promoted to the rank of *Professor, Teaching Stream*, effective January 1, 2018. Professor Evans has an established record of excellence in teaching, supervision, and educational leadership, in addition to a body of internationally respected scholarship in global citizenship education and teacher education. His integration of research and pedagogy has also informed an impressive body of work on policy and program development in Canada and abroad.

Professor Michal Perlman of the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development has been promoted to the rank of *Professor*, effective July 1, 2018. Professor Perlman is a productive scholar known for her integration of theoretical and applied research on environmental influences on the social development of young children. Her empirical studies on child care and her research on early child development have had a significant impact both in her discipline and on public policy.

Professor James Slotta of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning has been promoted to the rank of *Professor*, effective July 1, 2018. Professor Slotta is an international leader in the field of educational technology, widely renowned for his innovative, practice-situated research on knowledge integration and knowledge communities. He is a past Canada Research Chair in Education and Technology, and is

currently finishing a term as Associate Dean for Research at Boston College's Lynch School of Education while on leave from OISE.

Professor Rinaldo Walcott of the Department of Social Justice Education has been promoted to the rank of *Professor*, effective July 1, 2018. Professor Walcott is an innovative and internationally influential interdisciplinary scholar in the areas of Black studies, cultural studies, gender theory, transnational and diaspora studies, and Black queer studies. As both a pioneering researcher and a public intellectual with an outstanding record of advocacy, Professor Walcott has redefined common understandings of Black studies and anti-Black racism in Canada and abroad. He is currently the Director of the Women & Gender Studies Institute at the University of Toronto.

Professor Leesa Wheelahan of the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education has been promoted to the rank of *Professor*, effective July 1, 2018. Professor Wheelahan is a widely cited scholar with an international reputation for outstanding work on the contributions made by postsecondary education to social justice, and on pathways between and within educational sectors and the labour market. She is the William G. Davis Chair in Community College Leadership, a testament to her stature as a researcher.

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

I would like to invite all those attending Congress at the University of Regina this coming week to attend the OISE special reception for all alumni, faculty, students and friends on Tuesday, May 29th. From 5:30 – 7:30pm at La Cité Rotunda, LI 216, Language Institute (LI), University of Regina. Kindly [RSVP](#) (acceptances only). I hope you will join us! I wish everyone the very best for their presentations at CSSE, CSSHE or the other humanities or social sciences societies.

Spring Convocation Receptions

The OISE Spring 2018 Convocation Receptions will be held on June 12 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. Please visit the [UofT Convocation](#) website for further details of the ceremonies.

- PhD, EdD, MA, MEd, Tuesday, June 12 at 11:30 am (following the morning convocation)- [RSVP](#) by Tuesday, June 5th, 2018.
- OISE MA-CSE, MT and B.Ed., Wednesday, June 20 at 3:30pm (prior to the evening convocation)- [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, June 13th, 2018.

OISE Student Success Centre

As part of our Academic Planning priorities, the Associate Dean, Programs, Doug McDougall has been working with the Student Experience Committee to identify opportunities for improving student supports at OISE. One exciting development is extending the services of the [OISE Student Success Centre](#) (OSSC) by hiring three Teaching Assistants in the Centre who will be supporting students over the summer period. This is an excellent opportunity for all our students but especially those in need of

additional support including workshops and meetings with OSSC advisors during the summer months.

Support for International Students

A reminder to our international student community that Xiaoyong (Andy) Xia, International Student Recruitment and Success Coordinator within the [Office of the Registrar and Student Services](#) can be reached via email at xiaoyong.xia@utoronto.ca and phone at 416-978-1601 . Andy offers a range of supports including recently launched building tours for both current and future international students. This will be an excellent opportunity to ensure our international students feel welcome and are well acquainted with various departments, units and services at OISE.

Graduate Student Research Conference

I want to congratulate our OISE graduate student leadership volunteers for an incredibly successful Graduate Student Research Conference that took place April 20-21st. I would like to especially thank the organizing committee: Co-Chairs Shawna Carroll and Mimi Masson and committee members Jeannie Larson, Wales Wong, Cindy Sinclair, Heba Elsherief, Shakina Rajendram, Zahide Alaca, and Diana Barrero. I encourage you to visit the [GSRC conference website](#) as it also includes a journal from the conference. Congratulations again to all those who organized, presented and participated in showcasing student work!

AERA Toronto 2019

With memories of 2018 AERA still fresh in our minds, our Office of the Associate Dean Research, International and Innovation has turned its attention to planning for a dynamic, engaging OISE presence at and alongside [AERA 2019](#) in Toronto. This will be a fantastic opportunity for OISE to showcase our leading edge research, graduate studies, and continuing and professional learning. Planning for next year is an ongoing activity and we are encouraging everyone to wholly participate in the lead up to AERA taking place April 5-9, 2019!

Take care,



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Professor and Dean