February 1st, 2022 marked the beginning of the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Tiger. OISE joins our Chief Administrative Officer, Helen Huang, in extending well wishes to our entire community for a year of joy and strength. Celebrations for the new year will continue through until the first full moon in the Chinese calendar that lands on Feb. 15.

Pictured in this photo shared by Helen is her friend, Totoro celebrating the year with a new stuffed tiger toy. Enjoy this new year season!

OISE Building Protocol Update

The OISE building’s access and use protocol remain the same as that effective on January 3, 2022.

Please visit www.oise.utoronto.ca/covid-19/protocols-winter2022 to learn more about the protocol in place for the Winter term. You can also stay up-to-date on the latest COVID-19 information as it relates to building procedures and policies by regularly visiting the Chief Administrative Officer’s community information page.

Black History Month at OISE

Several activities are taking place at OISE during Black history month. The OISE Equity Committee invites the whole community to the third instalment of the Black Faculty in Conversation, which will be held on February 16th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The conversation will include a great panel of six professors: George Dei, Njoki Wane, Lance McCready, Rosalind Hampton, Whitnee Garrett-Walker, and Linda Iwenofu, with Andrew Campbell moderating the event.
The theme for this year is the CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDIES IN EDUCATION: “How/what we each see as possibilities for our and students’ academic and community work with the new Centre for Black Studies.” Be sure to register for the event at https://bit.ly/oise-black-faculty-chat.

## OISE Research

### Rethinking Internationalization: Using ‘Collage’ to Understand a Moving Target

Join speaker Elizabeth Buckner, Assistant Professor, Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education on Thursday February 10, from 12-1pm.

Her research investigates how globalization and neoliberalism affect higher education and the state’s ability to develop the capacities of its citizens. Register here.

This session is part of the OISE Focus on Research series, a virtual version of the OISE research brown bags. This year’s theme is innovative research methods, with talks featuring cutting-edge research by OISE faculty. All OISE community members are welcome to attend.

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### OISE Centre for Indigenous Educational Research

Join the Centre for Indigenous Educational Research for their exciting speaker series event in February.

**Faculty Speaker Series:**
"Indigenous Methodologies in Educational Research"
with Dr. Jennifer Brant
Wed., Feb. 16th, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
To register, visit facultyspeakers.eventbrite.ca

**Student Speaker Series:**
"The Decolonial Potentialities Inherent in Dreaming for the Teacher and the Classroom: Reawakening the Dreamer"
with Kimberly Todd
Wed. Feb. 9th, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
To register for this talk and others in the series, visit cierstudents.eventbrite.ca

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### OISE Leithwood Award for Outstanding Thesis

The deadline to submit nominations to the 2021 Leithwood Award for OISE Outstanding Thesis of the Year is 12noon Tuesday February 15, 2022. Nomination must be supported by faculty supervisors in order to be considered.

The 2021 Leithwood Award is open to doctoral theses completed at OISE between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Entries for the award must include three pieces: 1) a Summary of Thesis (maximum 6 pages, excluding list of references – 12 pt font, single spaced);
2) a completed Application Form (see attachment); and
3) a signed Letter of Recommendation from the faculty supervisor.

For more information on the Leithwood Award, including details on submitting a nomination, please refer to the attached document. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact our office at oise.research@utoronto.ca.

OISE Funding Opportunity

Launching OISE’s new Sustainability & Climate Action Network!

OISE’s new Sustainability & Climate Action Network (SCAN) was launched on January 31st; it aims to broaden the work of the Environmental & Sustainability Initiative, supporting the implementation of OISE’s Sustainability & Climate Action Plan, which is reaching the end of its first year. (If you missed the webinar that shared updates about the Plan’s progress, you can view the video here.)

As part of the launch, a new Sustainability Fund was announced to support OISE community members to develop educational activities and projects to advance the actions and strategies of the Plan. This funding supports projects led by individuals or groups – OISE students, faculty and staff are welcome to apply. Applications are due on Feb. 28, 2022.

SAVE the DATE!

OISE will be hosting the OISE Teaching and Staff Excellence Awards ceremony on April 12th at 2p.m. We expect the event will take place online and will share further details closer to the event. In the meantime, reserve the date the celebrate and acknowledge our award winning colleagues.

OISE Books

Join the OISE Page Turners - a student-led book club organized by members of the OISE Library Student Advisory Committee.

Through this book club, we hope to share insights and experiences by exploring inclusive themes that are meaningful to our OISE community, including wellness and mindfulness, relationships, community and belonging, social justice and equity, climate action and more!

For our first book club meeting on February 23rd at 6:30pm, we will be reflecting on Teaching to Transgress by bell hooks. We can’t wait to hear your thoughts on this fundamental text! You can register here, and can access the e-text through the University of Toronto Libraries here.

Too much on your plate to read a full book? Looking for reflective prompts? Want to engage with your fellow readers? You can find details, alternative "readings," discussion forums, and more by visiting our Quercus site.

For more updates and library news, check out the OISE Library’s Instagram and Twitter! For questions or accessibility needs, please contact emily.hector@utoronto.ca.
DEEPENING IN-CLASS AND ONLINE LEARNING by Larry Swartz, Debbie Nyman and Magdalin Livingston is a new hardcopy or e-resource from Pembroke Publishers that is designed to support teachers to make learning more joyful as they translate successful classroom strategies to virtual learning and back again as the need arises. More than 60 step-by-step strategies encourage interaction, foster inclusion and spark imagination.

Larry, a member of the CTL department invited a dozen 2021 teacher graduates to contribute to this book by sharing their classroom experiences. Magdalin Livingston, a 2020 graduate from the MT program is a co-author of this grab-bag of practical activities.

OISE Welcomes

The OISE Finance Office welcomed Annie Y.Q. Mao to the position of Manager, Faculty Financial Administration effective January 3, 2022. In this role, Annie will be responsible for monitoring and administering research funds, service contracts and budget adjustments; reviewing and assessing existing financial procedures and workflows; administration of OISE forecasts; conducting internal audit to ensure appropriate financial controls and safeguards are in place; and being a resource in interpreting financial and University policy and procedures.

Annie holds an Honours Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and is working towards the completion of her CPA. She comes to us with over 10 years of experience at the University of Toronto, in areas of finance, research and administration. Most recently, Annie has held the position of Business Manager with the Office of Governing Council. Prior to this she held positions as a Research Accountant in the Research Oversight & Compliance Office (ROCO), as well as a Financial and Administrative Assistant in the Innovations & Partnerships Office.

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