This week Inside OISE @ Home Edition features the U of T Congratulations to all Graduates banner placed at Convocation Hall. Be sure to read below about the U of T’s June 2 special ceremony and OISE’s plans for June 16 and 26.

Please continue to share your updates with us! We want to know what’s happening with you and the OISE community. Be well and stay well.

President Meric Gertler invites graduates to special convocation on June 2

Congratulations graduates! The University of Toronto has announced that a virtual Convocation ceremony will take place on June 2, 2020 at 12 p.m. As a traditional convocation ceremony is not possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University recognizes the importance of celebrating the remarkable achievements of its graduating class. The Chancellor will officially confer all graduates on this date and diplomas will be couriered to graduates on the day of their originally scheduled ceremony.

Please visit the University of Toronto Convocation website for further details on this virtual event.

Dean Glen Jones to share video message and host virtual celebrations for OISE Grads!

Convocation Hall will be empty this year as we physically distance, but it will be filled with our best wishes. On June 2, OISE along with the rest of the University of Toronto will take pride in the achievements of the spring Class of 2020.

The OISE community will virtually celebrate our 900 graduates on June 16 (all degrees except teacher education) and June 26 (teacher education degrees) starting a 2 p.m. on both days. Save the dates and times as we have some special things planned and we hope to also have some fun!

To stay up-to-date on the plans please visit the OISE website.

OISE Convocation Hub

Visit our new OISE Convocation Hub to read stories of talented graduates and watch messages of well wishes from alumni. OISE grads, we are so proud of you!
June is Convocation month and we at OISE are turning our attention to celebrating the work of our graduate students along with their accomplishments and – especially at this time – their perseverance. Take a moment and read about some of the amazing people in our student community.

**Marcus Singleton,**  
MEd Student

“I love the classroom, because you can do so much within the classroom. But whether I will be teaching in a formal or informal space, I believe both spaces are important and valid for the work I want to do.”

Click here to learn about Marcus’ story.

**Ariel Lefkowitz,**  
MEd Student

“...the OISE Master of Education program resonated with me because what I expected to get, and what I did get, was a really strong theoretical – in addition to practical – approach (the opportunity to explore a wide range of thinkers that I hadn’t had time to explore during my medical training).”

Click here to learn about Ariel’s story.

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**Susan He**  
PhD Student, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education

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**Entisar Yusuf**  
MEd Student, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education

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**Emma Sabzalieva**  
Doctoral Candidate, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education

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**Jason Brennan**  
PhD Candidate, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

Read more here

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**Program Supports and Developments**

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**NVivo and Covidence available through the Library**

Are you starting in on qualitative data analysis or a knowledge synthesis project while working from home? The University of Toronto Libraries offers free access (with your UTORid) to two essential software tools for such projects: **NVivo**, which is designed to help researchers manage quantitative data analysis projects, and **Covidence**, which is designed to manage knowledge synthesis projects such as scoping or systematic reviews.

Click Here To Learn More

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**Trendy & Efficient: Analysis of Social Media Data with NVivo**

In this online workshop, Dr. Olesya Falenchuk will demonstrate how to capture social media data from Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube and use them for analyses of trends, patterns, and sentiments in NVivo 12 software. A basic overview of NVivo tools for data management, coding, and transcribing of videos will be provided. Join this webinar on Friday May 29 at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Click Here for Zoom Link

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**Virtual 'Write-in' Sessions Available Through June 2020**

If you are currently working on your thesis or thesis proposal, join the online Write-Ins every Wednesday and Saturday for the month of June. These are held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., followed by an optional get-together on Zoom, to report your day, share resources and cheer each other on.
On any virtual Write-In day, find yourself a quiet uninterrupted space to write, then e-mail the following to Anne Jordan:

1. The time you start;
2. The time you plan to finish;
3. One goal for your writing time;
4. Whether you will join the Zoom meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Anne will get back to you to acknowledge that you are joining, and will contact you again close to your finish time, to see how you did.

For OISE Instructors – Course Outline Template

The OISE Course Outline Template is an optional resource for instructors to help build their course outlines, complete with sample text, advice, and policy information for a complete outline that serves students and faculty.

Recently, many additions have been made as OISE has transitioned to more remote teaching – including advice and information for online teaching systems, best practices for teaching remotely and resources from across the University of Toronto.

New EdD CSE Program Now Accepting Applications!

Applications are now open for the new Doctor of Education in Child Study and Education program! This program will have it's first cohort this September 2020 and accept students every other year.

Application Deadline for the Fall 2020 is June 24.

Working Securely: Remote Data Collection and Storage

The Centre for Research & Innovation released a spotlight on working securely from home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Check out the link below for quick tips on how to store and share project data and how to collect data remotely.

For the Community

Black Scholars on Anti-Black Racism in Education

On May 26th, 2020, Black scholars came together to share insights and perspectives in a conversation on Addressing Anti-Black Racism in Education. The webinar recording is now available for viewing. Please be sure to visit the Centre for Leadership and Diversity website for more events and use the link below to access the recording.

Professor Labrie appointed to SSHRC Council for 2nd Term

Congratulations to Professor Normand Labrie on being appointed by the Governor in Council for a second term on SSHRC’s governing council (2020–2022). The council promotes and assists research and scholarship in the social sciences and humanities. It meets regularly to set policy and program priorities, allocate budgets, and to advise the minister of Innovation, Science and Industry and Parliament on research policy in these areas.
Conference Postponement not an end to the Collaborative Potential

With several conferences and events postponed this year due to the pandemic, faculty and students are finding a brighter side.

CTL student Allan J. Coutinho, after receiving the Young Scholar Award from the Social Science Education Consortium Inc. (SSEC), was planning to present, with Dr. Karyn Cooper, a paper titled “Overcoming neoliberalism: Teaching about privilege for citizenship education” in the SSEC conference in Kiviy, Ukraine, this summer.

Allan says that although the conference has been postponed to next year, the most important accomplishment is to be able to build relationships and represent OISE at SSEC, paving the way for further collaboration among scholars: “I am grateful for my first year at OISE. Even though I wasn’t able to attend the conference this year, I can strengthen these scholarly partnerships and foster ties of friendship.”

In Memoriam

OISE Staff Jeanie Stewart Remembered

We received the news from Professor Emeritus Helen Lenskyj of the passing of OISE staff Jeanie Stewart (read the full obituary here). From her time in Adult Education, Helen shared that Jeanie was “loved and appreciated, especially for her computer expertise in an era when we were all learning.”

Jeanie worked at OISE from 1975 to 2003, most recently in the Education Commons as a Text Process Specialist before retiring from U of T. She was also the President of the OISE General Support Staff Association (GSSA) and offered this reflection on her role from the 1985 edition of Orbit magazine:

“You have to encourage a sense of community, which means you have to have an ongoing forum in which people can communicate. If I can encourage the development of a sense of community, of working together for a common cause among our GSSA members themselves, and in relation to OISE’s committees, I’ll be satisfied with my term as president.”

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