Inside OISE is at home this week with the Brown and Fouad families as they went back to school online amidst COVID-19 physical distancing measures. OISE Staff Ai-Ri Brown and Iman Fouad shared these photos with us. Their households are very appreciative of the OISE Stay @ Home Club and OISE Wellness offerings; thanks team OISE!

Please continue to share your updates with us! We want to know what's happening with you and the OISE community. Be well, stay well, and have a happy long weekend.

"Providing stability and responding to opportunity in an evolving research landscape"

Associate Dean, Research, International and Innovation Michele Peterson-Badali notes that the OISE Research team is committed to supporting OISE researchers in a shifting landscape. With changing funding deadlines, requirements, and information – along with new opportunities – the team is staying on top of updates and is poised to respond quickly. "We continue to advocate for measures that reduce the negative impacts to those whose research has been disrupted due to the measures taken to reduce the spread of the virus. We are also supporting researchers as they respond to calls

"Spirit of accommodating our students the best we can"

Under adverse circumstances, Associate Dean Programs Normand Labrie highlights the tremendous efforts across the institution to continue academic activities with emphasis on celerity, compassion and flexibility. "While we transitioned to courses offered remotely at the end of the Winter semester, we have also been planning for the Summer semester in the spirit of accommodating our students the best we can, and we are already thinking ahead to the Fall." Normand believes that OISE is very fortunate to have a long and strong expertise in pedagogy design and online teaching and learning, with strong instructors combined with
for COVID-19 research. From our vantage point, it is clear that one thing hasn’t changed in the current circumstances: as always, OISE researchers are applying their expertise to support health and wellbeing and to shape education as it, too, changes in response to the global crisis.

ZOOM SECURITY

There’s been concern lately about ZOOM security, as we hear stories of unwelcome attendees disrupting Zoom meetings, or lurking to see or hear what they should not. Education Commons has compiled a list of best practices to help you use Zoom in a manner that is safe and secure for your online classes or meetings.

Learn more at Education Commons new zoom security page.

Congratulations!

Congratulations 2019 Leithwood Award Recipient Dr. Katie Doering

Congratulations to Dr. Katie Doering, Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, recipient of the 2019 Leithwood award for OISE Outstanding Thesis of the Year, which recognizes and celebrates exceptional research by OISE’s doctoral candidates. Nominated by her supervisor Professor Clare Kosnik, Dr. Doering’s thesis “Inclusivity in Children’s Literature: Examining Quality of Text, Accuracy of Representation of Children with Cancer in Picturebooks, and Children’s Response to Three Specific Texts” yields important findings on the representation and lived experiences of children with serious illnesses, with broad potential impact in the fields of reader response, children’s literature, children’s cancer care, and responsive research methodology.

Learn more about this year’s OISE Teaching Excellence Award recipients Ann Lopez, Robin Persad, Tara Goldstein, and Sameena Eidoo. Each of them, faculty at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, have made enormous contributions to teaching and learning at the Institute.

Learn more about this year’s OISE Staff Excellence award winners, Neil Tinker, Andrew Chiang, Michelle Pon, Anna Mozharova and Natalie Neumann Butler for their incredible contributions to OISE.
CTL Professor Carol Rolheiser Receives Vivek Goel Faculty Citizenship Award

Congrats to Professor Carol Rolheiser of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning and the director of U of T’s Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation on receiving the U of T Vivek Goel Citizenship award. Carol is a champion of teaching excellence who has worked for more than 30 years to enhance the learning environment and teaching culture at the University of Toronto. Learn more about Carol’s contributions to U of T.

Resources

Tea Time for Indigenous Students, Faculty & Staff

Julia Blair shared with us that the Indigenous Education Network (IEN) is hosting a Virtual Tea Time every Wednesday from 12-1pm via Zoom. OISE Indigenous graduate students, faculty and staff are invited to come and socialize, share resources and support each other. If you are an Indigenous student, faculty or staff member at OISE and you did not receive an invitation to join us, email ien@utoronto.ca to request the Zoom link.

OSSC Well Ahead in Offering Online Appointments

Nicole Ryan from the ORSS would like to emphasize that the OISE Student Success Centre (OSSC) transitioned to a new platform called WCONLINE as of September 2019, which was itself a learning curve, but includes a built-in online appointment feature. OSSC was one of the pioneering writing centres to offer online appointments as an option for students. Nicole says: “We chose to go forth with this option mainly to accommodate our students who are working professionals, commuters and students who were not able to make it to OISE physically due to family and work obligations or time constraints.” Amid the COVID-19 situation, Nicole and the student services advisors, who are also OISE PhD students, were exceptional in making the transition to fully online appointments, navigating and being mindful of student’s various digital literacy skills, accessibility and any accommodation necessary to ensure work life balance for both students and advisors. Check out more information on the OISE Student Success Centre website.

At OISE, we want to help our community support each other during the current pandemic. Here’s your chance to share advice, bring some energy and motivate your friends.

Let’s hear your best pep talk! Send a motivational short video, a photo or two, or a quote, cheering and encouraging the OISE community. Your post could be featured on our social media channels! Use the hashtag #OISEPepTalk to see who has been featured.

Time for a movie, reading or breathing?

Collections Highlights – Video Streaming

No Netflix subscription? OISE community members have tonnes of options for streaming films from home for free with your UTORid. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the video streaming website Kanopy has temporarily added extra documentary films to their U of T collection and enabled access to the Great
Courses series, which includes college-level video lectures on topics ranging from French language learning to the role of epidemics in human history. **Criterion on Demand** has over 6000 movies available for streaming (including this year's Best Picture *Parasite*), and the **National Film Board of Canada's website** highlights a broad range of Canadian films. OISE's Collections and Outreach Librarian, **Nailisa Tanner** recommends *Project Grizzly*, a 1996 NFB documentary about a man from North Bay and his dream to build a bear-proof suit.

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**Web Series: OISE Stay @ Home Club**

A NEW LIVE SHOW FEATURING MANY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO WILL LEAD INTERACTIVE LESSONS – FOR KIDS AND ADULTS ALIKE!

Check it out at [OISE Stay @ Home Club](#).

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**OISE Wellness Online Mindful Moments: Spring & Summer Sessions**

Great news! OISE Wellness has added more online opportunities to practice mindfulness this Spring and Summer. Rose Mina Munjee will continue to offer online Mindful Moments sessions until the end of August. Sessions will take place every Thursday from 12:10 pm - 12:50 pm. Click [HERE](#) to register online.

Each session will be taped and posted on the [OISE Wellness Website](#).

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