Inside OISE
March 2020

Here is the latest edition of Inside OISE. The University of Toronto (and of course OISE) is continuing to monitor the situation with COVID-19. We continue to echo the sentiment expressed across UofT, that is it especially important that we as a community come together to make everyone feel respected, welcome and supported. Please continue to stay informed and review the UofT messages.

OISE Community Updates

OISE Faculty & Staff Awards 2020

The Faculty & Staff Awards Ceremony is fast approaching! Please join us on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 to celebrate the achievements of this year’s award recipients. Also take a moment and acknowledge your colleagues and peers who have won any awards this year by tweeting out their accomplishments using the hashtag #OISECelebrates!
OISE Lobby Project

The OISE leadership team had a brief tour of the lobby construction site on February 19th. The project is progressing well and we could see many of the design features taking shape. It has been an exciting but complicated and challenging project with many intricate elements in a very public space. The project team has been working very diligently and effectively to keep the project on time. It is estimated that we will have our lobby back at the end of March/beginning of April. It is truly amazing how patient and accommodating the community has been.

Rethinking Education Commons: Building Strategic Priorities

OISE’s community voice is now reflected and amplified in the Education Common’s new three-year strategic plan, which features five priorities and forty objectives that align with OISE’s Academic Plan.

The plan is represented in a form of a blog to encourage ongoing dialogue with the community and collect and share thoughts, ideas and feedback as we move forward with the objectives.

The MT Visioning Program

The Master of Teaching Program Vision Statement PDF has recently been published. Check it out here.

To learn more about the MT Visioning process, click here.
OISE Faculty & Staff Wellness Day 2020

February 26th marked a special day for our faculty and staff as they got a chance to focus on their health and wellbeing by participating in a range of sessions and activities including yoga, chair massage, and more.

Learn more about wellness at OISE by checking out the latest edition of the OISE Wellness Newsletter.

Upcoming Community Events

SJE Lunchtime Conversations on Academic Conferences: CIARS Organization & Attendance
Friday, March 6, 2020
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
OISE 12-252

This talk explores the experience of attending and presenting at a conference like Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies (CIARS). Students will learn about the upcoming 2020 conference (speakers, calls, registration details, etc.), and also have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer roles if they are interested in adding to their academic résumés. Drop in, no RSVP required.

The Queer of Color Analysis in Education Research Institute
Thursday, March 12, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Munk School of Global Affairs

At this day-long conference, we will centre an intentionally intersectional lens that focuses on LGBTQ+ Black people, people of colour, women of colour feminism, queer indigenous critiques, and transnational queer and feminist approaches. The Queer Of Color Analysis in Education Research Institute's (QOCAERI) major goal is to bring together researchers whose substantive knowledge, theoretical insight, and methodological expertise can be assembled in ways that build upon and reach beyond familiar modes of thinking concerning conundrums or problems related to LGBTQ issues in American Studies of education. Click HERE for more information.

Knowledge, Community and Inquiry: Smart Classrooms, Embedded Phenomena
Wednesday, March 25, 2020
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
OISE 12-199

The Associate Dean, Research, International & Innovation invites the OISE community to drop-in for our research brown-bag sessions featuring presentations by OISE's Canada Research Chairs and Endowed Chairs. In March, Professor Jim Slotta, Presidents' Chair in Education and Knowledge Technologies, will present on "Knowledge Community and Inquiry: Smart Classrooms, Embedded Phenomena and Other Adventures."

All are welcome to attend. No RSVP necessary. Please bring your lunch and be mindful that this is a nut-free event. Coffee/tea will be provided.
Confronting Complexities in Higher Education: 2020 Leadership Forum

Friday, March 20th, 2020
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
OISE Library

The third Leadership Forum will provide an opportunity for the academic discussion of complex leadership issues in higher education, and showcase relevant research and scholarly work conducted by students in the MED in Higher Education Program Leadership options and beyond.

Learn more

In Memoriam

Remembering Celia Correa

Former OISE staff member Celia Correa passed away peacefully surrounded by her family and friends on January 27 at Kensington Hospice in Toronto. Several OISE staff retirees shared time with Celia in her final days including Gina Dangoy, Amelia Nanni, Lynne Romero and

All The Bare Necessities for a Fairytale Day: An Alumni Family Event

Friday, March 20th, 2020
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Young People’s Theatre

Check out a performance of the Jungle Book at Young People’s Theatre during March Break! Perfect for children 6+ and their adults.

Get tickets
Grace Bulong. Celia worked for close to 20 years at the OISE Registrar's Office.

Read more about Celia's life in her own words, and have a look at her amazing artwork that illustrates the beauty of Filipino culture and life.

Memorial for Cindy Halewood

Thursday, May 7, 2020
4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Eric Jackman Institute of Child Study

Please join us for an honoring of Cindy's life and teaching. Students, colleagues, and friends will share thoughts, memories and songs to remember Cindy. Light refreshments and snack will be provided

Please indicate in your RSVP if you would like to share any words or thoughts about beloved Cindy. RSVP by April 30, 2020.

Retirement Announcement

Mimi Ho, Senior Access Services Associate at the OISE Library, has retired as of March 1, 2020, after 30 years of dedicated service to OISE and the University of Toronto.

Mimi began her career at OISE in 1990. She holds a Certificate for Library Assistant from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as in-service training for School Librarians. While Mimi's work at the OISE Library has changed dramatically over the years, the one thing that has remained constant is her deep commitment to providing excellent customer service.

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