Inside OISE returns to you this academic year with an image of the OISE Lobby and the Living Wall at 252 Bloor Street West. Amid our remote connection, we continue to look for ways to appreciate those aspects of life that nurture us and sustain our environment.

We will be e-publishing Inside OISE every other week and hope to share stories of inspiration, community achievements and activities, and highlight important information. Wherever you are, drop us a message and let us know how you are doing on your journey of learning, working and living. Be sure to share your updates with us here!

OISE Together Hub

The 2020-2021 academic year will look different than it has in the past. While the challenges of COVID-19 will have a tremendous impact on our year, you can expect the same level of commitment to community-building, high-quality learning, transformative research and health and well-being.

We don’t have all the answers, but we are committed to ensuring that students, faculty and staff are supported during these uncertain times. Working together, we’ll ensure an exciting and successful year for all.

Visit the Hub

Staff Updates

A Warm Welcome To...

Leah Scherk joined OISE in the position of Manager, Space Planning, Facilities and Services effective September 9, 2020. Leah comes to OISE from the Faculty of Medicine where she held the position of Facilities Planner for a number of years. Prior to joining the University, Leah held positions as Project Architect and Project Manager with various architecture firms. Leah brings with her extensive knowledge of University processes and facilities related legislation, as well as a demonstrated record of success collaborating with various university constituents to ensure budgets and timelines are met. Leah holds a Master of Architecture degree from the University of British Columbia and an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree (Specialist in Architecture and minor in Art History) from the University of Toronto.
Congratulations Perry!

Congrats to Perry King on his appointment as OISE Development Communications Officer. Perry is a long-time writer and journalist, with interests in education, social justice, sports, news and business, with bylines in the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, BBC News, and many independent media.

But wait, OISE extends double congrats as another milestone happened over the summer.

After initially postponing their wedding to 2021, extended family gave Perry and wife Hilary the opportunity to have a very scaled down wedding on their front lawn on August 15th! And so, with a little preparation, a setup on Zoom, and immediate family in attendance, they were able to hold a ceremony and small get-together.

Perry says “it was a blissful day never to be forgotten. The main takeaway is that we want to strive to live our lives as best we can and do it with love. You only live once and we want to live it filled with love and promise!”

OISE Library Updates

Library Research Support

Please email us, join us via Ask Chat, drop by during our Virtual Reference Hours, or book an appointment to meet with an OISE librarian virtually or by phone.

Click Here To Learn More

Free Map and Data Library Talks and Workshops

Join U of T’s Map & Data Library this fall for Snacking on Bits and Bytes, a series of free online webinars featuring presentations and demonstrations on data-related topics and tools – such as web archives, visualization, GIS and statistics.

Register here

Curbside Pick-Up

Print books and AV materials from the OISE Library’s Stacks, Curriculum Resources, Children’s Literature, and AV collections that are not available online through the HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service can be requested using the “Get Help” button in the catalogue.

Library users will be notified by email when items are available for pickup at Robarts Library. Click HERE to learn more.

Library and Education Commons Q & A Sessions
Have questions about curbside pick-up? How to get research support? Where to find library study spaces on campus? Curious about the services that the Education Commons provides?

Please join Library and Education Commons staff for a virtual Q & A session:

- **Monday September 28th** from 12 to 1 p.m.
- **Wednesday September 30th** from 5 to 6 p.m.

Can’t make it? Check out the OISE Library Orientation Guide, the Education Commons website, and the Education Commons video. Click HERE for instructions on how to join the Q & A.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Virtual Drop-in Circle with Gokoomis (Grandmother) Jacque Lavalley:**

Group drop-in circles with Gokoomis Jacque Lavalley will begin on Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. The drop-in will occur twice per month on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please email ien@utoronto.ca for details on how to reserve a spot.

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**#OISEWellness**

**The Well-being of Our Community is One of OISE’s Top Priorities**

We are committed to promoting learning and practice opportunities that contribute to both individual and collective healing and change.

Join us for one of the many wellness activities that we have planned. Whether it’s a Living & Working Lunch & Learn session, a Mindful Teacher/Educator Lunch & Learn session, one of many weekly practice opportunities, a monthly Mindfulness Community of Practice meeting, or a wellness activity of your own, we hope you are able to devote some time to self-care this year, particularly during these challenging and uncertain times.

And while you’re at it, remember to register for the Cultivating Personal Health & Wellness through Mindfulness Co-curricular credit opportunity for students or the Staff & Faculty Wellness Pilot Program.

Find out more about all of the Wellness activities and how to register on our website and check out the latest e-newsletter.

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**Awards and Recognition**

**U of T Advancement Community recognizes two OISE teammates with Bravo Awards**

Our most heartfelt congratulations go out to Marianne Lau and Natalie Neumann Butler, two new recipients of the Bravo Award!

The Bravo Award recognizes staff members who have gone above-and-beyond to provide extraordinary support to their Advancement colleagues, while exemplifying U of T Advancement's values of cross-collaboration, initiative, leadership, and community. “The outstanding contributions made by these individuals is especially impressive during this uniquely challenging time,” said David Palmer, U of T’s vice-president, advancement.

Marianne and Natalie, part of the OISE Office of Advancement and External Relations, have delivered on a number of advancement initiatives, including OISE’s recruitment website, our successful Mentorship Program, energizing the OISEAA membership and community, donor relations programs, and effective web and social media campaigns.
CONGRATULATIONS TO SIDNEY COLES & MADELINE DE WELLES!

APHD students Sidney Coles (Program Evaluation PhD in APHD) along with Madeleine De Welles (Disability Studies) represent OISE as one of 127 Junior Fellows at Massey College this year.

Junior Fellows are an integral part of the Massey College community, and represent a wide range of disciplines, interests and backgrounds. Junior Fellows are full-time students at the University of Toronto, either registered with the School of Graduate Studies or pursuing professional degrees.

True Blue Staff Recognition

Congratulations to OISE staff members, Neil Tinker, Sugirthan Ganeswararajan, and Andrew Maksymiw on their University of Toronto, True Blue Award recognitions! Take a moment and recognize a staff member for their efforts today by visiting Visit uoft.me/thanks to access the recognition platform.

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