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**Re: Appointment of Chair of Department of Social Justice Education**

Dear OISE Community,

I am very pleased to announce that Professor Njoki Wane has been appointed Chair of the Department of Social Justice Education for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2018.

Professor Wane has a long and successful history of academic leadership and service in her department, at OISE, and across the University. She has served as Associate Chair of SJE since 2016, and headed OISE's Office of Teaching Support from 2009 to 2012. From 2011 to 2014, Professor Wane served as the University of Toronto's Special Advisor on Status of Women Issues, contributing to research and policy development concerning the intersectionality of gender with race, disability, sexual orientation and aboriginal status, and the impact of these issues on the lived experiences of women faculty, staff and students. She also served as Director, Center for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies (CIARS) at OISE from 2006 to 2014.

Professor Wane's commitment to students and to graduate education is evident from her long list of teaching awards and honours. In 2017, she received the President's Teaching Award, the most prestigious recognition of excellence in teaching bestowed by the University of Toronto. In 2016, she was awarded OISE's David E. Hunt Award for Excellence in Graduate Education for her tremendous contributions to teaching, learning and student supervision at the graduate level. She is also the recipient of the African Canadian Women's Achievement Award (2006), the African Women Achievement Award (2007), and the Harry Jerome Professional Excellence Award (2008), and in 2009 was nominated for the TVO Best Lecturer Award. Reflecting her commitment to diversity in education, in 2014 she received the University of Toronto International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) Award for her outstanding efforts toward the elimination of racial discrimination and the advancement of anti-racism at the University.

Professor Wane is a distinguished and productive scholar in the areas of Black Feminisms, African Indigenous knowledges and spirituality, African and African Canadian women's teaching and learning, and anti-racism education. She has published 4 books, 8 edited volumes, and dozens of book chapters and refereed journal articles. She has presented her work at over 200 conferences locally and internationally, often as a keynote speaker. Her most recent book is *African Women's Voices on Indigenous Knowledge of Food Production: A Kenyan Perspective*, reflecting her drive to reintroduce African agency in the discourse about African people on the continent and in the diaspora. Professor Wane has held major research grants from SSHRC as well as grants from universities in Brazil,

Kenya and Spain. She was named Diaspora Scholar at the University of Embu, Kenya, and Diaspora CODSERIA Fellow at Egerton University, Kenya.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Professor Njoki Wane as the incoming Chair of SJE and as the newest member of OISE's academic leadership team!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen A. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glen" being the most prominent.

Glen A. Jones, Ph.D.  
Professor and Dean