

MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff & Students, Centre for Critical Development Studies
From: William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 19 May 2021
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Director Centre for Critical Development Studies (CCDS)**
Note: For distribution broadly

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Sharlene Mollett as Director of the Centre for Critical Development Studies (CCDS) for a six-year term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2027 including a one-year leave.

Professor Mollett is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Geography and CCDS at the University of Toronto Scarborough. She received her PhD from the University of Toronto in 2006; joined U of T Scarborough as an Assistant Professor in 2014, and received tenure in 2019. Her research integrates the multiple ways race, gender, and poverty inform natural resource conflicts and property rights development thought, and practice in Honduras and Panama.

Professor Mollett has received multiple grants from SSHRC and two Nelson A. Rockefeller Center Junior Faculty Research Grants. She has a strong publication record including 1 co-authored book, *Feminist Spaces: Gender and Geography in Global Contexts*, and multiple book chapters. This year she was appointed the Co-Editor of the Journal of Social and Cultural Geography. Since 2020 she has been the Acting Associate Graduate Chair in the Department of Geography & Planning at the St. George campus, and has been an active member of the CCDS Faculty-Student Research Mentorship Program.

Professor Mollett is recognized for her scholarship, leadership ability, administrative experience and dedication to the Centre. She understands the multidisciplinary nature of research areas and the different measurements of achievement in this multidisciplinary unit. As the Centre moves towards departmentalization, Professor Mollett will continue to work with colleagues in a consultative manner, especially amidst the growth and proposed structural change. She will need to lead the programs as the discipline evolves and position the unit broadly within the changing global development context.

I am very pleased that Professor Mollett is willing to take on the role of Director of the Centre for Critical Development Studies, and am confident that the unit will be in very capable hands under her leadership. I look forward to working closely with her.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the advisory search committee for its service in this important process. The participation of members of the committee and the input of all faculty, staff and students is greatly appreciated.