




## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Health & Society  
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean   
Date: 15 September 2021  
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Chair, Department of Health & Society**  
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I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Michelle Silver as Chair of the Department of Health & Society from September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2027, including a one-year leave.

Professor Silver has been with the University of Toronto Scarborough since 2008. Her research focuses on gerontology, work life and aging, work identity and retirement, late life health information seeking behaviours, and perceptions about aging. Her research is supported by grants from SSHRC, Mitacs, and the Connaught Foundation. She has a strong publication record and her book, *Retirement and Its Discontents*, was published in 2018 by Columbia University Press.

Following the establishment of the department in 2019, Professor Silver has been the Associate Chair of Research, has served as Acting Chair (January to June 2021), and currently holds the role of Interim Chair. Prior to the establishment of the department, Professor Silver played an instrumental role as the Interdisciplinary Centre for Health & Society went through governance and departmentalization. In all instances, Professor Silver has demonstrated an open leadership style, respect for equity and fairness, and the ability to engage and bridge different fields.

I am grateful that Professor Silver will continue as Chair of the Department of Health & Society, and I am confident that she will continue to provide excellent leadership. I look forward to working with her in this role.

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