



## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Global Development Studies  
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean *WAG*  
Date: 4 November 2022  
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Chair, Department of Global Development Studies**  
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It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Anne-Emanuelle Birn as Acting Chair of the Department of Global Development Studies from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 while Professor Sharlene Mollett is on leave.

Anne-Emanuelle Birn is a Professor in the Department of Global Development Studies at U of T Scarborough with a graduate appointment at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. She holds an Sc.D. in Health Policy/History of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, an MA from the University of Canterbury (New Zealand), and a BA from Harvard University. She joined U of T Scarborough in 2003 as Associate Professor and was promoted to Professor in 2010. She also held a Canada Research Chair in International Health from 2003 to 2013.

Prior to joining U of T Scarborough, she was a professor at the New School in New York City, worked at the Pan American Health Organization, and has been a visiting professor in Montevideo, Paris, and at World Health Organization (WHO). Professor Birn's research explores the history, politics, and political economy of international and global health, focusing on Latin American health and social justice movements, child health and rights, extractivism, and philanthrocapitalism. She is the author or editor of five books and has published widely in Latin American, European, African, Asian, and North American journals and presses. Professor Birn is a recipient of several honours including recognition among the Top 100 Women Leaders in Global Health, naming to the List of Canadian Women in Global Health, and the Oslo Independent Panel on Global Governance for Health, as well as Fulbright and Rotary fellowships, and numerous endowed lectureships. She is currently the North America delegate to the People's Health Movement Steering Council.

Professor Birn has provided strong service to her discipline and the University at large, having had a wide range of roles across the University - serving on the Latin American Studies Advisory Committee, the Collaborative Specialization in Global Health Committee, the Honorary Degrees Committee, and as the faculty lead for the Collaborative Specialization in Development Policy & Power since its inception, as well as serving on multiple academic review and search committees.

I thank Professor Birn for her willingness to take on the responsibility as Acting Chair of the Department of Global Development Studies. I, along with the decanal team, look forward to working with her in this role.