


MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Psychology
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 1 March 2024
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Chair, Department of Psychology**
Note: For broad distribution

I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Jonathan Cant as Acting Chair of the Department of Psychology from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 while Professor Suzanne Erb is on a research and study leave.

Jonathan Cant is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto Scarborough, with a graduate appointment in the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Arts & Science. Professor Cant holds a PhD and an MSc degree in Neuroscience, both from Western University.

Professor Cant joined the University of Toronto Scarborough as Assistant Professor in 2012 following a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. He was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2018. His research involves studying visual perception and cognition using a combination of functional neuroimaging (fMRI) and psychophysical behavioural techniques. His areas of expertise are ensemble perception, scene perception, object perception, shape and texture perception, visual attention, and visuomotor control with specific focus on how these processes interact with one another, and how these types of processing lead one to produce skilled and adaptive behaviours.

Professor Cant is a highly regarded scholar with numerous peer-reviewed publications in international journals. His research has been consistently supported by external grants from the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and internal research funding initiatives. He is committed to his discipline and his expertise is widely recognized through a strong record of invited lectures, conference talks and presentations, and professional affiliations. Professor Cant is also an accomplished teacher and an excellent mentor to undergraduate and graduate students.

Professor Cant is a dedicated and a well-respected member of the Department of Psychology and the campus community. He has been actively involved in various committees and is currently serving as Associate Chair, Research. His contributions to the department and the campus have been invaluable.

I thank Professor Cant for his willingness to take on the responsibility as Acting Chair of the Department of Psychology and I am confident that he will provide excellent leadership.