


## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Sociology  
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean   
Date: 20 December 2023  
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Chair, Department of Sociology**  
Note: For distribution broadly

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I am grateful that Professor Patricia Landolt has agreed to serve as Acting Chair, Department of Sociology effective immediately and until 16 February 2024 while Professor Joseph Hermer is on leave.

Patricia Landolt is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto Scarborough. She holds a PhD and an MA degree in Sociology, both from Johns Hopkins University, and an MA degree in Social and Political Thought from York University. Professor Landolt joined the University of Toronto Scarborough in 2001, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2008, and to Professor in 2020.

Over the years, her research has examined the relationship between global migration and social inequality. Her areas of research and teaching include transnational migration, community-engaged methods, precarious work and precarious legal status, and the politics of non/citizenship. Professor Landolt is a highly regarded scholar with publications in international journals, book chapters, and edited books, and a strong record of invited presentations, and lectures. Her research has been consistently supported by grants from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), internal research funding initiatives, and community partners. She is an excellent mentor to faculty and graduate students.

Professor Landolt has extensive administrative experience and deep commitment to her discipline, department, and our campus, having served for nine years as the inaugural Chair of the Department of Sociology (2012 to 2021), and as the interim Associate Vice-Principal Research-Strategic Initiatives (2021-22) at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

I thank Professor Landolt for her readiness to assume the responsibility as Acting Chair amid existing commitments. I am confident that the Department will be in very capable hands. I look forward to working with her in this capacity alongside the decanal team.