




## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Philosophy  
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean   
Date: 29 June 2022  
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Chair, Department of Philosophy**  
Note: For distribution broadly

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I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Julia Nefsky as Chair of the Department of Philosophy from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026, with a one-year leave at the beginning of the term. Professor Philip Kremer will be appointed as Acting Chair during this period.

Professor Nefsky is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at University of Toronto Scarborough. She received her PhD in Philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley in 2012, and her undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Philosophy from McMaster University in 2005. She joined U of T Scarborough as Assistant Professor in 2012 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2021. Her work primarily focuses on moral philosophy with research interests in political philosophy and philosophy of action.

Her research is supported by grants from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and she is a recipient of the Connaught New Researcher Award. Her work has been published in leading journals including Philosophical Studies, Philosophy & Public Affairs, and Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics, as well as in collections published by Oxford University Press. In addition to her strong publication record, Professor Nefsky has given a series of invited presentations at prestigious national and international colloquia and workshops. The Advisory Search Committee highlighted Professor Nefsky's strong advocacy for the Department, her deep understanding of its programs, the strengths and aspirations of its faculty and students, and praised her collegial and open communication style.

I am delighted that Professor Nefsky is willing to take on the role of Chair of the Department of Philosophy, and confident that the department will be in very capable hands under her leadership. I look forward to working closely with her.

I want to take this 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 faculty, staff, and students is greatly appreciated.