




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Arts, Culture & Media
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 3 January 2022
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Chair, Department of Arts, Culture & Media**
Note: For broad distribution

I am grateful that Professor Thy Phu has agreed to serve as Acting Chair of the Department of Arts, Culture & Media until the end of January while Professor Barry Freeman is on bereavement leave.

Professor Phu is a Professor of Media Studies in the Department of Arts, Culture & Media at the University of Toronto Scarborough where she also serves as Associate Chair of Research, and Program Director of Media Studies and New Media Studies. After completing her PhD in English Literature at the University of California, Berkeley, she held a Mellon postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto. Before joining the University of Toronto Scarborough, Professor Phu was based at Western University, where for more than a decade, she taught courses on visual studies, cultural theory, and Asian North American culture. She has also held prestigious appointments as Whitney Bicentennial Visiting Associate Professor at Yale University and Senior Research Fellow at the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore. In addition, Professor Phu has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the University of Toronto Distinguished Professorship in Race, Diaspora & Visual Justice.

I thank Professor Phu for her willingness to take on the Acting Chair duties, and I look forward to working with her.