




## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Language Studies  
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean   
Date: 26 July 2023  
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Interim Chair, Department of Language Studies**  
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I am grateful that Professor Sébastien Drouin has agreed to serve as Interim Chair for the Department of Language Studies from 1 August 2023 to 30 September 2023 while a search for a Chair remains ongoing. This is to replace the current Interim and former Chair, Professor Juvénal Ndayiragije. I thank Professor Ndayiragije for his dedication and commitment to the department and I look forward to continuing to work with him as Special Advisor on Black Faculty Success.

Sébastien Drouin holds an MA in Literature from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, and PhD in French Literature and Early Modern History from the Université Laval and the Université de Versailles /Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. Following his postdoctoral fellowships at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris, Gotha Research Centre of the University of Erfurt, and University of Stuttgart, Professor Drouin joined the University of Toronto Scarborough as Assistant Professor in 2013 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2019.

He is the author of numerous monographs, book chapters, articles, critical editions, and edited journals on 18th century French literature and Early Modern French literature. His research areas also include libertinage, Early Modern clandestine literature, allegorical interpretation, journalism and intellectual networks, literature and religion, literature and fine arts. His research is supported by grants from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Jackman Humanity Institute, and he is also a recipient of the Connaught Research Grant.

Professor Drouin is a dedicated member of the department having served as Associate Chair for French for the last two years. He has also served on various committees in the Graduate Department of French at the St. George campus and has been Assistant Editor of the **UofT Quarterly** since 2017.

I thank Professor Drouin for his willingness to take on the responsibility as Interim Chair of the Department of Language Studies. I am confident that he will provide excellent leadership in this role. Together with the decanal team, I look forward to working with him.