



MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of English
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean
Date: 25 April 2022
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Chair, Department of English**
Note: For distribution broadly

I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Alice Maurice as Chair of the Department of English from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Professor Alice Maurice is an Associate Professor in the Department of English at U of T Scarborough. She received her PhD in English Language and Literature specializing in Film Studies and American Literature from Cornell University in 2002. She joined U of T Scarborough as Assistant Professor in the Department of English in 2005 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2012.

Professor Maurice's research focuses on early cinema, late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century American literature and culture, and critical theory. She has also worked in documentary film production and was Associate Producer of two award-winning films, *A Healthy Baby Girl* (1997) and the Academy Award-winning *Defending Our Lives* (1994). Her current SSHRC-funded project, "Making Faces: Makeup, Identity, and the Changing Face of American Cinema," explores the history of the face in cinema. She has a strong publication record including her 2013 book, *The Cinema and Its Shadow*, the forthcoming collection, *Faces On Screen: New Approaches*, multiple book chapters, and journal articles in *Camera Obscura*, *The Moving Image*, *The Henry James Review*, *New Review of Film and Television Studies*, and *Cinema Journal*, among others. She teaches courses in film studies, American literary realism and turn-of-the-century visual culture.

Professor Maurice is an experienced administrator having served as Acting Chair and Associate Chair in the Department of English, Supervisor of Studies, English, and for the past three years as Program Advisor, Minor program in Literature and Film. In all instances, Professor Maurice has demonstrated strong leadership with a consensual approach, respect for equity and fairness, and the ability to engage and bridge different perspectives. The advisory committee highlighted Professor Maurice's dedication to the department, her student-focused and innovative approach, and praised her for her calm and constructive demeanor.

I am very pleased that Professor Maurice is willing to take on the role of Chair of the Department of English, and am 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 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.