

Biography

Mirella Stroink, PhD

Dr. Mirella Stroink is a Professor of social psychology and Chair of the Department of Psychology at Lakehead University. Dr. Stroink has served as Chair of the Department of Psychology from July 2015 to June 2021. Highlights of her term in this role include facilitating the department through the development of a new undergraduate curriculum, creating and resourcing a new staff position focused on student success, and designing several innovative and marketable programs and concentrations to expand psychology offerings.

Dr. Stroink is a passionate educator and an active researcher involved in several community-engaged research partnerships. She has managed research funding and runs a busy lab where she mentors undergraduate, master's and doctoral students. Her research applies complex adaptive systems theory to understanding social cognition and behaviour in the ecological and social context. Recent projects include the psychology of systems thinking, psychological resilience in its social and ecological context, and the psycho-social dimensions of food systems.

Dr. Stroink's approach to leadership is relational and focused on the development of the people in the team. She creates environments that support engagement and success by listening, understanding, analyzing and addressing the systemic and structural issues that shape people's working lives. Dr. Stroink is committed to the vision and goals of the FHBS. By building a culture of engagement, strengthening networks, and nurturing innovation, she will draw the Faculty together and lead it forward to adapt and thrive in our dynamic environment.