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The Senate
Lakehead University
955 Oliver Road
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Dear Senate Chair,

Please accept this letter as an expression of interest to apply for an adjunct faculty position in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies at Lakehead University. A current CV is attached. Throughout my time as an Assistant Professor at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University (NOSM U), I have engaged in clinical innovation, research, teaching, administrative and scholarly activities that have contributed to the NOSM U community. I intend to contribute to Lakehead University in a similar way if granted an adjunct faculty position. As I hope you will see from the summary of my scholarly activities provided, that the Department of Gender and Women's Studies would align well with my academic body of work.

As a practicing Obstetrician Gynaecologist, all of my scholarly activities have been carried out with the overarching philosophy of increasing access to care in Northwestern Ontario, providing care in a more equitable way, and improving the quality of care provided with a particular focus on Indigenous communities in our region. Three examples of successes in each of the domains – clinical innovation, research, teaching, administrative and scholarly activities – are highlighted below.

Clinical innovations that have made a considerable impact on the care of patients in Northwestern Ontario are: 1. Regional response to opioid use in pregnancy; 2. The re-introduction of Indigenous midwifery in the Robinson-Superior Treaty area; and 3. The implementation of telemedicine in obstetrical practice during the pandemic.

Research projects that have had measurable impact include: 1. The Maternal infant support worker program; 2. Hearing our voices: an Indigenous women's reproductive health curriculum; and 3. Development of the Ministry of Health, Health Equity Impact Assessment (HEIA) Indigenous Lens Tool.

Teaching highlights include: 1. Research mentorship for clinical trainees and master's students; 2. Serving as a site lead for the University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Global Women's Health and Equity Fellowship; and 3. Providing teaching in trauma aware and culturally safe care for clinical learners at NOSM U as well as at the University of Toronto.

Administrative activities include serving as: 1. The lead for cervical screening and colposcopy for the Northwest with the Ontario Cervical Screening Program at Ontario Health, Cancer Care Ontario since 2016; 2. The medical lead for the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) Maternity Centre and Perinatal Services since 2021; and 3. The director for academics at the TBRHSC since 2022.

Scholarly activities in the wider academic community include: 1. Development of clinical practice guidelines mental health with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) as well as colposcopy guidelines with the Society of Canadian Colposcopists and Ontario Health, Cancer Care Ontario; 2. Development of curriculum in opioid use and cannabis use in pregnancy with the SOGC as well as a cultural safety curriculum that was developed out of a research project; and 3. Leadership in research administration through involvement with the Physician's Services Incorporated Foundation as a representative from NOSM U.

Going forward, there are several things that I would like to focus on to advance my academic career. Increasing my publication output is a priority for the next phase of my career. I would also like to dedicate more time to supervision of masters and doctoral students. Finally, through an increased role in research and academic administration, I think that I can make the academic activities and research more accessible to a greater number of clinical faculty through partnerships with academic institutions such as Lakehead University. In order to accomplish this, I will have to refine the activities I am already engaged in as well as carving out dedicated time for scholarly activities. This will likely also mean a reduction in my clinical duties.

Thank you for considering my request for an adjunct faculty position in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies at Lakehead University. Please do not hesitate to contact me any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Naana', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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