

Dear Leigh and Julie,

I am writing to you in your respective roles as Director and Assistant Director of the School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Tourism at Lakehead University.

As you both know, I am a Lakehead alumni, and have enjoyed a long standing relationship with ORPT, including teaching a number of courses through the School since 2011, collaborating with academics in the department on various research projects, and supporting tourism and recreation related economic development initiatives in the Thunder Bay region through numerous service roles. I am therefore writing to inquire about the possibility of Adjunct Status with the School.

I received my PhD (Tourism) from the University of Otago in August 2022, and have attached a copy of my CV for reference. You are also welcome to visit my professional websites to learn more about my ongoing [research](#) and [teaching experience](#).

Since leaving my contract lecturer position with ORPT in 2020, I have continued to provide guest lectures on risk management, trail development, and trail tourism and recreation related legislation. Additionally, I have taught successful Anthropology of Tourism (Winter 2021) and Risk Management (Winter 2022) courses, and collaborated on the development of the Ontario Professional Tourism Industry Specialist (OPTIS)/Northern Ontario Professional Tourism Industry Specialist (NOPTIS) microcredential program development.

I have also maintained an active research agenda through my appointment at the University of Waterloo, which will come to an end in June 2023. This research program is one which I would hope to transition to Lakehead through the proposed Adjunct appointment, as I see it aligning with the teaching and research interests of ORPT, as well as the wider teaching and research activities of the University and the priorities identified in the University's Academic and Research Plans. Furthermore, I see it as an opportunity to continue to grow my collaborative research relationship with ORPT's faculty including applying for tri-council funding, and to contribute to supervising undergraduate and graduate student research.

I understand that the University's policy on Adjunct Professors requires that External Adjunct Professors maintain a mutually beneficial scholarly association with the University, and that an appointment as an External Adjunct Professor is formal recognition of an association between Lakehead University and a person who does not hold a regular academic appointment at the University but who possesses skills and/or knowledge relevant to the teaching and research activities of the University and the University's Academic and Research Plan priorities. I also understand that an application for adjunct status requires recommendation by the Chair/Director of the appropriate Academic Unit, and endorsement by the Dean of the appropriate Faculty.

I would therefore like to suggest a ZOOM catch up in the coming weeks to discuss this possibility, including how my teaching, research, and extensive service work with the non-profit / NGO trails sector can serve the School and wider Thunder Bay community, if you are amenable.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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