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Dr. Alice Den Otter

Coordinator, Media, Film, and Communications (MFAC)

Dear Alice -

Please accept this letter as an expression of interest to be considered for Internal Adjunct status in the Media, Film, and Communications (MFAC) program (or the Interdisciplinary Studies department if that is the academic unit to which this appointment would belong).

I assume there are a number of ways in which I could support the work of MFAC including supervising students; serving on committees; representing the program during university Orientation activities; giving public seminars or lectures; or teaching occasional courses.

My research and teaching interests are situated at the intersections of Education and Communication, drawing upon cultural studies, media literacy, media ecologies, and critical pedagogy. I have attached a CV.

Over the past two years or so, I have been collaborating on some projects with Dr. Sandra Jeppesen including a now published book (*The Capitol Riots*, Routledge, 2022) and a SSHRC project (IDG: Countermapping COVID: Grassroots visualizations of data on the margins). Along the way, we have co-supervised three MITACS students from Brazil, India and the US, and we have co-mentored three now-former Education Masters students, our co-authors of *The Capitol Riots* book. Two of these Education grad students have moved on to PhD programs in Communication and Culture at the MTU and York University.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Best,

Michael Hoechsmann, Ph.D.