

20 April 2026

Dr. Glenda Bonifacio  
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities  
Lakehead University

Dear Dean Bonifacio,

**Re: Adjunct Status for Dr. Laura Bisailon**

I am writing to inform you that, at last week's meeting, the members of the Department of Sociology voted unanimously to support granting **Adjunct Associate Professor of Sociology** status to **Dr. Laura Bisailon** for a four-year term, with the option of renewal.

Dr. Bisailon is a distinguished sociologist and accomplished researcher with an impressive record of scholarship. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health and Society at the University of Toronto whose work focuses on the social organization of knowledge at the intersection of law, medicine, regulation, governance, and everyday life. Her research in medical sociology, including Institutional Ethnography and community-engaged work, has earned national and international recognition. Her book *Screening Out: HIV Testing and the Canadian Immigration Experience* received major scholarly recognition, and her documentary film *The Unmaking of Medical Inadmissibility* has also attracted wide attention. She would be a valuable addition to our department as an adjunct colleague through her potential contributions to scholarship, student engagement, and broader public sociology initiatives.

I respectfully ask for your support of this request in recognition of Dr. Bisailon as a valued and distinguished colleague. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Chris Sanders  
Chair, Department of Sociology

cc. Sue Viitala, Karen Woychyshyn