

September 14, 2016

Dr. Jobin-Bevans
Dean
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Lakehead University
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Dear Dean Jobin-Bevans:

Enclosed please find letters and/or email correspondence as well as curricula vitae from Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Dr. Ray Neckoway and Dr. Kelly Skinner, all of whom have allowed the Department of Indigenous Learning to bring their names forward as candidates for Adjunct Professor status in the Department of Indigenous Learning. The Department of Indigenous Learning is tremendously excited to present the three candidates to the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities as candidates for Adjunct Professor. If successful, their appointments will help to provide Indigenous Learning students with greater options for Faculty consultation, undergraduate thesis supervision and possible course offerings. Their appointments will bring to the Department differing perspective on Indigenous issues that will not only enhance student understanding of the experience of Indigenous Peoples but it will also help to balance the perspectives currently presented in the Department. Their appointments will also help to further the Department's efforts to establish greater collaboration with associated faculty and/or programs at Lakehead University. Their appointments too will help the Department to develop and deliver its new "Specialization Program" and assist the Department in the development of the Master of Indigenous Learning Program. As well, their appointments will help to create new and innovative research possibilities for both faculty and students within the Indigenous Learning program and finally, their appointments will help to underscore the Department's commitment to the University's efforts to further "Indigenize" the academy and will assist the University in achieving that goal.

Dr. Christopher Mushquash is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, an Assistant Professor in the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Health Sciences, a Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Mental Health and Addiction at Lakehead University and a practicing Psychologist with Dilico Anishinabek Family Care. Dr. Mushquash has published extensively on topics such as Indigenous wellness, alcohol spectrum disorder, youth suicide and mental health policy. Dr. Mushquash teaches courses such as Aboriginal Mental Health, Addictive Disorders and

Psychopathology Childhood.

Dr. Ray Neckoway is an Associate Professor in the School of Social as well as the Director of the School of Social Work. He has published on topics that range from child welfare practices to transracial adoption through to traditional values in Ojibway human service organizations. Dr. Neckoway has taught courses such as the Introduction to Social Work and Social Work Practice and Aboriginal People and he has been active on University Committees and/or Boards such as Ogimawin, the Northern Studies Committee and the President's Task Force on Aboriginal Access Programs.

Dr. Kelly Skinner is an Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health and Health Systems at the University of Waterloo. She is also a former post-doctoral fellow in Lakehead University's Department of Indigenous Learning and the Department of Psychology. Her publications include papers on the food security of First Nations, sustainable food systems, healthy eating and physical activity strategies as well as, traditional food consumption. Dr. Skinner has taught courses such as Theory and Application in Program Evaluation, First Nations and Environment and Food Security in First Nation Communities.

On behalf of the Department of Indigenous Learning, I am pleased to present Dr. Mushquash, Dr. Neckoway and Dr. Skinner as candidates for Adjunct Professor status within the Department of Indigenous Learning and I do so knowing that if successful, all three candidates will help to enrich not only the Indigenous Learning program but also the experience of Indigenous Learning students at Lakehead University.

Yours Sincerely,



**Robert Robson,
Associate Professor and Chair,
Department of Indigenous Learning,
Lakehead University.**