

16 October 2019

Dear Dean Birmingham,

Please accept this letter and accompanying materials as evidence of our strong support for Dr. Angie Wong's application for External Adjunct Professor status in the Department of Indigenous Learning at Lakehead University. According to the policy approved, Dr. Wong will contribute to the department through her scholarly pursuits and independent or collaborative research. Currently, Drs. Wong and Burnett hold an Insight Development Grant (IDG) entitled "A Community-Based History of Calgary's Chinatown, 1890-1997." In order to continue to be a co-applicant on grant as a recent graduate without a formal tenure track academic appointment, Dr. Wong needs to be appointed as an External Adjunct Professor at Lakehead University. Wong has also been nominated by Lakehead University for a Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship which she will hold in the Indigenous Learning Department. Wong's scholarship challenges the current understandings of settler colonialism and the white/Indigenous binaries that current inform much of the work. She suggests that there are important connections that can be drawn between the ways in which Asian-Canadian and Indigenous feminisms/de-colonization's movements unsettle settler colonialism and create space for important and productive conversations. In doing this work Wong has formed important connections within both the Asian-Canadian and Indigenous communities.

The pedagogical environment/culture of the department and faculty also benefits greatly from Dr. Wong's expertise and work. Currently, she teaches several courses for the department at both the Seven Generations Education Institute in Fort Frances and on campus. Wong has been approached by several students who want to explore the experiences of racialized individuals and communities living in Thunder Bay specifically and northwestern Ontario more specifically.

We highly recommend Dr. Angie Wong for an appointment as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Indigenous Learning.

Sincerely,



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