

2022-2023  
DEAN'S AWARD FOR  
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DEAN'S AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

# Full-Time Tenured Faculty

“Dr. Sonya Scott has proven herself as both a pedagogical innovator and an insightful instructor, who has consistently gone above and beyond what is required to best serve her colleagues and her students. Her colleagues and students speak of her passion for the materials that she teaches and her ability to deconstruct course material for optimal pedagogical uptake”

- Student & Colleagues



Sonya Scott  
Department of Social Science

# Contract Faculty

Professor Petropoulos was unanimously recommended for an award in this category. She is applauded by her colleagues as well as her students for innovative and creative outlook on pedagogical innovation and student-centric teaching style. Her contribution towards departmental teaching and service responsibilities speaks to the educational excellence within the Department of English. Furthermore, Professor Petropoulos is praised for her ongoing initiative to indigenize course material and her commitment to strengthen underrepresented voices within the academic landscape.

- Students, Colleagues & Sub-Committee



Jacqueline Petropoulos  
Department of English

# Teaching Assistant

Your compassion and the dauntless effort to humanize education spaces is respected and lauded by students, colleagues, and the Sub-Committee. Sonia's students also spoke highly of her willingness to take active responsibility for the educational outcomes of her classes and her ability to deconstruct and teach complex course materials.

- Students & Adjudication Sub-Committee



Sonia D'Angelo  
Department of Social Science

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# Established Researcher

Dr. Coulter demonstrates research distinction that goes significantly beyond disciplinary expectations. Professor Coulter has published widely in the field of children's digital cultures and the global expansion of digital capitalism. In the past five years, she has received over \$500,000 in SSHRC funding, as a PI, and collaborated on projects receiving over \$799,000 in SSHRC funding. Furthermore, her strong publication record along with deep community service contributions are only few of the achievement in a long record of academic accomplishments making her an ideal candidate for this category.

- Adjudication Sub-Committee



Natalie Coulter

Department of Communication and  
Media Studies

# Established Researcher

Professor Fanelli is an exceptional scholar and teacher who produces research grounded in the desire to shape key debates around workers and social justice. His efforts to impact debates and policy decisions are evident throughout his extensive research record, which includes books and journal articles with academic publishers, as well as significant knowledge mobilization through publications and media appearances.

-Colleagues



**Carlo Fanelli**

(Honourable Mention)

Department of Social Science



# Emerging Researcher

“Professor Wu’s nomination highlighted an individual who has displayed the qualities of excellence, engagement and inspiration deserving of this recognition. His research is innovative and while it showcases complexity in theoretical and methodological approaches to the sociology of trust, it is quite accessible to a range of audiences.” He has accrued 1,236 citations (Google Scholar) which is an impressive number for sociologist in his career stage. The pattern of Citation to his work is making him an influential scholar.

- Colleague & Adjudication Sub-Committee



Cary Wu  
Department of Sociology

# Emerging Researcher

Professor Shabtay's dedication to interdisciplinary research and collaboration with industry partners is particularly remarkable. Her record of scholarship is demonstrated through her research output, funding, knowledge mobilization and exemplary teaching ability. Moreover, she has also distinguished herself in recent years as a talented scholar with strong community ties. Professor Shabtay's work is poised to make significant contributions to the advancement of social justice

- Adjudication Sub-Committee



Abigail Shabtay  
Department of Humanities