



Reinventing  
education  
for a diverse,  
complex world

# IMPACT REPORT 2016 – 2020

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## Community

### Faculty of Education Summer Institute Expansion

The annual community-focused summer institute now includes over 300 people a year, bringing together participants to explore school-community relationships and how they play a role in the successful schooling of students.

### Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora

Carl James announced as the new Chair in 2016 after a successful relaunch and renaming of the Chair. Under the auspices of the Chair, the Faculty:

- Launched the Network for the Advancement of Black Communities as a catalyst for addressing long-standing systemic disparities in Black communities across Canada
- Brought UNIFOR on board as the main sponsor of its annual Black History Month celebration
- Co-sponsored the Black Business and Professional Association's annual Student Awards

## Research and Scholarship

### Research Funding

**\$20** million – Tri-Council funding  
**\$12.5** million – Minor Research Grant funding  
**\$45** million – Funding from all other sources  
**Total: \$77.5 million**

### New Research Chairs

**Two new Canada Research Chairs (CRCs)**  
The Government of Canada announced two new CRCs in the Faculty of Education.

**Kate Tilleczek**  
Canada Research Chair in Young Lives, Education and Global Good

**Gillian Parekh**  
Canada Research Chair in Disability, Inclusion and Education

### One new York Research Chair (YRC)

York's internal counterpart to the CRCs program, the YRCs added one new Research Chair in the Faculty of Education.

### Deborah Britzman

York Research Chair in Pedagogy and Psycho-Social Transformations

### Networks of Centres of Excellence

The Networks of Centres of Excellence Canada committed \$17.9 million to The Making the Shift – Youth Homelessness Social Innovation Lab to combine academic research and community expertise to inform solutions and prevention strategies for youth homelessness.

### New Postdoctoral Fellow Program

The Faculty initiated a new pilot program that sponsored two postdoctoral fellowships as part of the strategy to enrich the research culture of the Faculty and extend the reach of faculty research initiatives.

## Teaching and Learning

### Programs

#### Waaban Indigenous Teacher Education

Waaban educates a new generation of teachers, preparing them to address the needs of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students, families and communities.

### New Faculty

Eleven new full-time professors.

### Students

- First graduating cohort of students in Dadaab, Kenya, received their Master of Education degree
- First graduating cohort of the 2-year Bachelor of Education degree program

## DEAN'S MESSAGE



**Lyndon Martin**  
Dean, Faculty of Education

Guided by our mission to reinvent education for a diverse, complex world, the last four years have seen the Faculty of Education advance in a wide range of ways. We have launched new and important academic programs; undertaken ground-breaking research that matters; and engaged with our communities. From our work in the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya, to our growing partnership with the Urban Indigenous Education Centre in Toronto, we have continued to make a difference in, and have a real impact on, the world. This report provides a snapshot of our accomplishments, and I invite you to share and celebrate with us.

## Access

### Bringing Education to the World's Largest Refugee Camp

Under the direction of professor Don Diplo, students in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya participating in the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) project, were the first to officially be awarded Bachelor of Arts, Educational Studies degrees from York through on-site, camp-based university education. Close to \$1.5 million in additional funding was provided by the Open Society Foundations in support of BHER.

### Tech Ed Pathway Agreements with Colleges

Agreements were signed with seven Ontario colleges to enable college graduates trained in technology-related fields to earn teaching degrees through York's Consecutive Bachelor of Education, Technological Education program.

### Equity in Education Hub Launched

The Hub is a collection of research reports that utilize identity-based data to educate about the realities and experiences of students in the GTA. It also serves as a tool for members of Ontario's education system to learn from and contribute to.

### Academic Pathways

The Faculty received \$105,000 in increased support from the Peter Gilgan Foundation for its Advanced Credit Experience (ACE) and Readers to Leaders (R2L) programs. ACE enhances university access for Grade 12 students from the local Jane-Finch community and R2L helps grades 9 and 10 students from local high schools prepare for the compulsory Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School English Literacy Test.

## Experts in the News

Faculty members have been increasingly sought out by news media from across Canada and internationally to lend their expertise to discussions of education.

**Carl James**  
Professor, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora

*A road map for black parents navigating bias in the school system*  
- CBC News

**Heather Lotherington**  
Professor, Associate Dean Research

*Why emojis and #hashtags should be part of language learning*  
- The Conversation Canada

**Susan Dion**  
Associate Professor

*Education in the Reconciliation Era*  
- The Agenda, TVO

**Vidya Shah**  
Assistant Professor

*How to talk to kids about coronavirus*  
- CBC News

**Steve Gaetz**  
Professor

*As election campaigns hustle to get out the vote, homeless voters are often forgotten*  
- CBC News

**Jen Gilbert**  
Associate Professor

*Parents can benefit as much as their kids from Ontario's new sex ed*  
- Global News

**Kate Tilleczek**  
Professor

*How much screen time is too much for children and adults?*  
- Now Magazine

**John Ippolito**  
Associate Professor

*The transition from high school to university*  
- Global News

**Sue Winton**  
Associate Professor

*School fees undermine public education's commitment to equity*  
- The Conversation Canada

**Tina Rapke**  
Assistant Professor

*Is the 'summer slide' real? Why children fall behind and how to stop it*  
- CTV News

## Partnerships

### International Partnerships

#### Borderless Higher Education for Refugees Project

The Faculty partnered with Kenyatta University and Windle International Kenya to offer on-site and online academic programs to students in refugee camps in Dadaab.

#### Memorandum of Understanding with the University of East Anglia

The memorandum focused on exploring collaborative opportunities such as student and faculty exchanges, joint degree programs and working together on research and other projects.

### Partnerships with School Boards

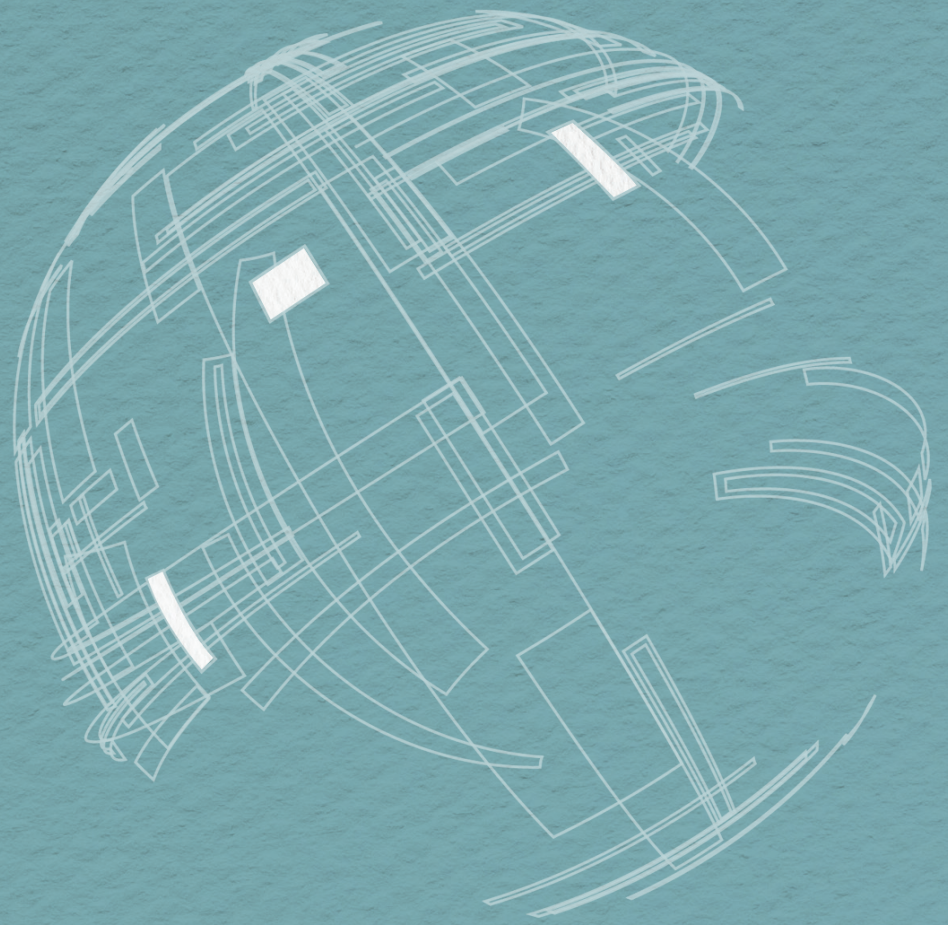
#### Wüléelham courses, cohorts and programs


Rooted in Indigenous knowledge and pedagogies, Wüléelham engages participants in learning from indigenous peoples' experiences and perspectives.

#### Collaboration with School Boards

Ongoing collaboration on research, custom professional learning course offerings for educators, space in schools and teacher secondments.





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