

Graeme Reniers hired as new OCADFA Executive Director

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OCADFA is pleased to announce Graeme Reniers is our new Executive Director. Graeme is a labour relations expert with a passionate commitment to defending high quality post-secondary education & scholarship, and experience advancing the interests of education and cultural workers.

As an Executive Officer of CUPE 3903 at York University, Graeme, in collaboration with other Executive Officers and staff, designed, organized, and implemented a broad membership engagement strategy that included new member orientation sessions, the development of bargaining mobilization campaigns and strategic messaging for social media and public space advertising; and spearheaded the most successful strike vote campaign in the Union's history. Drawing from his experience working as a National Representative with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and most recently as a Labour Relations Officer with the Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan (HSAS), Graeme will be supporting OCADFA's Executive Board on the application of contract language, labour law, and human rights legislation; in grievance investigations and advocacy.

Throughout his career as a labour activist and as a labour relations professional, Graeme has demonstrated a fierce commitment to providing effective representation, negotiation, and advocacy for post-secondary faculty and public sector workers. Graeme will be working with OCADFA's executive leadership to empower its membership to achieve collective goals at OCAD University and in the academic sector. Graeme begins his work with OCADFA on Nov 5th, 2020.

The Ontario College of Art & Design Faculty Association (OCADFA) is the union that represents more than 600 faculty members, academic technicians, and counsellors. The Association was formed in 1965 with the mandate of protecting the rights and improving the working conditions of its members and continues today as the sole recognized bargaining agent for its members and as their voice in the complaint process. For more information, please visit the OCADFA website at www.ocadfa.ca

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