

YUFA Recording Secretary 2018-20

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I am submitting my name to run for the position of Recording Secretary for the 2018-20 term.

I am running for this position because I am strongly appreciate the central role that YUFA plays in both the academic and working life of faculty at York, and I hope to contribute to and help strengthen the work of our association. I have served YUFA formally in the past as my department's steward and as one of the Trustees in 2015-16, and throughout my time at York as an active participant in the association's meetings and public deliberations. I am well acquainted with the Collective Agreement and the structure and objectives of YUFA as well as with the collective bargaining process.

If elected, I will work closely with other executive members, stewards, and with the YUFA membership in general to promote the goals of YUFA as mandated by our membership. My other major service roles at York have included Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Director of the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean. These experiences have shown me that respectful collegial communication and careful attention to procedure are critical to fulfilling the spirit as well as the letter of the mandate of organizations representing diverse constituencies and perspectives, and to building trust and capacity within the organization itself. Accurate note-taking and detailed records of deliberations and decisions are thus the foundation of collegial processes. As an anthropologist, I bring highly developed note-taking and record-making skills to this role in YUFA.