

# A message from the Chair of the Department of Political Science

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The Department of Political Science is shocked and appalled by the racist social media comments posted by retired professor Garth Stevenson. The comments do not in any way conform to the values of the department, and we condemn them.

Our department strives to create an atmosphere of respect and inclusion for students and faculty. We understand that President Gervan Fearon and the Senate will soon be discussing the withdrawal of Garth Stevenson's emeritus status. The department supports this plan.

In addition, we plan to host a public forum in the fall that will address reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

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