

## Scott Prudham

Candidate for the UTFA Presidency, July 1 2012 – June 30 2014

### Working for Renewal and Change

#### Statement

I am seeking the honour of your support as a candidate for President of the University of Toronto Faculty Association. The University of Toronto enjoys a deserved reputation as the pre-eminent research intensive and comprehensive university in Canada. I am committed to ensuring our faculty association is also the best in Canada, representing all its members in a way that enhances the U of T's reputation for excellence while at the same time protecting academic freedom and the rights of faculty and librarians to sound and collegial governance.

As your President, I will be committed to:

- A **stronger** and more **effective** association, fulfilling its mission as the sole independent and collective voice of faculty and librarians at the U of T.
- **Compassionate** advocacy for **all** UTFA members.
- **Renewal** of our association by (i) encouraging broader involvement of members and (ii) conducting face-to-face meetings in individual, small group and department settings.
- A **democratic** and **accountable** UTFA.
- **Better**, more **collegial** and **shared university governance** in decision-making over all matters that affect faculty and librarians at the University of Toronto.
- Improved **equity** and **fairness** in all its dimensions.
- **Reform** of our antiquated Memorandum of Agreement to provide a form of representation more commensurate with our unparalleled professional expectations and performance.
- **Sound** financial and administrative management of UTFA.
- **Respectful and collegial** engagement in the conduct of the association's affairs.

#### Bio

I am a Professor in the Department of Geography, cross-appointed to the Centre for Environment at the University of Toronto. I have worked at the U of T since July of 2000. I am also an Editor of the journal *Geoforum*. My research and teaching interests are situated at the intersection of environmental politics, environmental change, and critical political economy.

With UTFA, I have been a member of the Executive Committee since July of 2007, first as the VP University and External Affairs (2007-2008) and then as VP and Chief Negotiator from July 2008 until the present. I was also the inaugural chair of UTFA's Membership Committee from January 2007 until June of 2010. I have served as co-chair of the Joint UTFA-Administration Working Group on Workload and have been a member of UTFA's negotiating team for the last three rounds of bargaining. I am also a former UTFA Council representative for constituency #102, Geography, Psychology, and the Centre for Urban and Community Studies.

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