Bio for Senate Nomination

Lynne Marks is a Professor in the History Department, where she teaches Canadian history, gender history and the social history of religion. She has published two monographs and many refereed articles and book chapters within these fields and has been at UVic for over 30 years. She has served on Senate for 3.5 years and has been active on many university committees, including, among others, the Graduate Executive, the Presidential Search Committee and the Search Committee for the Provost and VP Academic. She has been Chair of the Academic Women's Caucus, chaired the Faculty Association Equity Committee and the Collective Agreement Committee. She also served as Graduate Advisor in History for a number of years, as well as being Chair of the History Department for four years. She is currently the President of the Faculty Association, and has also served as Chief Negotiator for the FA. She is committed to contributing to making UVic a more compassionate, equitable and inclusive community for everyone and to challenging existing barriers to equity, inclusion and decolonization. She also very much believes that all academic disciplines and areas of research should continue to be valued and supported at UVic, as all are crucial to the university's responsibilities in expanding knowledge, and educating the informed citizens of our future. Lynne is also committed to strengthening collegial governance at UVic, by helping to ensure that faculty members have a meaningful role in the governance of the university. Senate is an important forum for collegial governance, and thus she is seeking this nomination in order to continue to speak out on issues of importance to faculty members and to the University as a whole.