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Dr. Nowell joined the University of Victoria in 1999 as a sessional instructor before accepting a tenure-track position in Anthropology in 2000. Since that time, she has served as the Department's Undergraduate Advisor, Graduate Advisor and most recently as its Chair. She has sat on more than 25 different Faculty of Social Science and University committees including the Institutional Research Review Committee, the University Academic Appointments Committee and the Strategic Enrollment Planning Task Force. Outside the University, she serves on several editorial boards including for the *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*. She served on the SSHRC Insight Grants adjudication committee for 3 years before acting as its Chair. Finally, she is active in science communication and community engagement giving numerous talks annually for the Smithsonian and other institutions and associations.