

Anita Prest is Lansdowne Scholar in Decolonizing Music Education and Associate Professor of Music Education at the University of Victoria, Canada, located on the territory of the ləkʷəŋən peoples. Guided by multi-First Nation, Métis, and non-Indigenous partners, she conducts community-engaged studies to examine the embedding of local Indigenous knowledge, pedagogies, and worldviews in British Columbia's public school music classes. She is also engaged in international research that explores ethical standards and practices to ensure the responsible and sustainable sharing of traditional musics in diverse global Indigenous music education contexts, and she works with Indigenous partners in Canada, Mexico, and Australia to better support Indigenous youth leadership development through engaging in cultural practices. Anita is co-founder of the International Society for Music Education (ISME) *Decolonizing and Indigenizing Music Education* special interest group. She teaches undergraduate music education courses and graduate research methodology courses. Prior to her appointment at the University of Victoria, Anita taught K-12 music for 20 years in rural and metropolitan settings.

Anita is motivated to participate with others in the search for a new Dean of the Faculty of Education because the person in this role profoundly affects the tone, direction, stability, and cohesion of the Faculty. Anita believes that the ideal Dean is transparent and respectful, and possesses a combination of vision, listening and communication skills, and administrative acumen. Anita has previously participated in Appointment and Search Committees for the Director of the School of Music (2020), the Vice President Academic & Provost (2021), and the Vice President Research & Innovation (2023). She currently sits on the Senate and two Senate subcommittees, also serving on the UVic Human Research Ethics Board. Should she be elected, Anita will consult with C&I faculty members and staff before the search begins to learn their priorities for a new Dean.