

## **Aaron Devor biographical sketch and statement of candidacy**

I served on Senate 1998-2023 and would be honoured to serve again. I understand the internal workings of UVic well. I was Dean of Graduate Studies for ten years; Associate Dean of Social Sciences for two years; I have chaired fourteen UVic-wide, faculty-level, or interdepartmental administrative committees; and been a member of more than 70.

My work history and academic training give me an excellent appreciation for academic diversity. My academic training includes sociology, communications, physics, and psychology. I've also had trades training, was a small business owner, and a published/exhibiting artist. My research contributions include social, health, and library sciences, history, law, social services, and education. My expertise is repeatedly called upon by the media and for policy work. I am deeply committed to teaching and was honoured with a 3M Teaching Award.

In 2016 I founded the world's only Chair in Transgender Studies which includes research, graduate supervision, community outreach, policy advising, and fundraising. In 2014, I founded and continue to host international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational biennial Moving Trans History Forward conferences. In 2011, I founded and continue to provide expertise to the world's largest Transgender Archives.

I am profoundly committed to EDI, community engagement, and internationalization. I chaired the UVic Educational Equity Advisory Group for three years, served on UVic's Academic Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity and Human Rights Committees for a total of nine years, the Greater Victoria Police Diversity Advisory Committee for five years, on the I.K. Barber Foundation Aboriginal Awards Committee for seven years, Saanich LGBTQ+ advisory committee for one year, and have given decades of community service.