

Dr. Yasmine Kandil

Biographical Sketch and Nomination Statement

I'm an Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre. I've been at UVic as a tenure-track faculty since 2019. Before that, I had a tenure-track appointment at Brock University (Ontario) from 2014-2019. My teaching and research are in the area of Applied Theatre, and my work focuses on using theatre as a tool for empowerment by communities who live on the margins of society. I've worked with immigrants and refugees, youth at risk, young children living in the slums of Cairo, teacher educators, and police officers (developing scenarios for de-escalation of people in mental health crisis). My hobbies are swimming (at the pool and in the ocean), going on hikes (alone and with friends), and cooking for my friends in Victoria and my family (when I visit them in Egypt).

I have served on Senate in 2020 and 2021 as an elected member (Faculty of Fine Arts), and as the chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards from 2021 until present. I enjoy learning about governance, and taking part in decisions that impact our students, faculty, and staff on campus. I care that I collaborate with my colleagues and students on Senate to uphold values of equity, diversity, decolonization, and inclusion at UVic. When conducting service work, I'm known to be direct and thoughtful in my responses, strong in my collaboration skills, and able to facilitate an engaging and focused conversation on pertinent administrative topics. I hope to be able to utilize my skills in my service on Senate, and to cultivate new ones as a result of learning from more seasoned colleagues.