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King's appoints new Vice-Principal and Academic Dean

London, ON – King's University College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Gillian Balfour as Vice-Principal and Academic Dean, effective August 1, 2020. Dr. Balfour's appointment comes after a lengthy and thorough search to replace Dr. Sauro Camiletti, who will be retiring July 1 after 45 years of service to the King's community. She will hold a joint appointment as a full professor in the Departments of Sociology and Social Justice and Peace Studies.

Dr. Balfour comes to King's, having been the Associate Dean of Trent (University) Online, and Full Professor of Sociology with a focus on socio-legal studies and criminology.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of King's. The position of Vice-Principal and Academic Dean brings an amazing chance to champion teaching and research committed to social justice in the Catholic tradition. I am moved by the thoughtfulness of the students and faculty I have met during this challenging time. I am so looking forward to being on campus in conversation with our community," says Dr. Balfour.

"Dr. Balfour brings a wealth of experience as an outstanding scholar, a passionate educator, and experienced administrator. Dr. Balfour's scholarship and teaching has focused broadly around issues of social justice particularly feminist engagement with respect to the criminal justice system," says Dr. David Malloy, King's Principal and head of the Selection Committee.

She is a graduate of the University of Ottawa (BSc 1987, M.A Criminology 1994) and University of Manitoba (PhD, 2003). Her research examines sentencing law reform impacts on Indigenous women and the implications of restorative justice in the context of gender-based violence. She has been conducting an archival study of discipline in Canadian women's prisons and is a co-investigator on a national study looking at the lived experiences of incarceration. She is member of Canada's Walls to Bridges collective that provides prison-based learning for incarcerated and non-incarcerated students.

"I wish to thank all members of the selection committee for the tremendous amount of work they put into this process and for their sage advice and their thoughtful discussions," says Dr. Malloy.

About King's University College: King's is a public Catholic University College which provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, management, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in

Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally autonomous, King's is academically affiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centred on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person. Learn more about King's University College at www.kings.uwo.ca

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