Catherine Mary Clase

I have come to realise that in FHS, we often do not see the whole university and its full potential: this is my motivation to serve the wider university as a member of the Board of Governors. In these challenging days, I will advocate to enhance our work on equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigenous reconciliation. I will support the work of all faculties, because studies in humanities are as relevant to society as the sciences, and vital for seeking a more just, equitable and hopeful future.

In my volunteer work, I belong to several humanitarian groups, one of which sent a shipping container of supplies to Uganda in the early pandemic, two containers to the Ukraine, and respirators to Los Angeles during the recent wildfires. I’ve taught medical learners in Uganda and Rwanda remotely and am active in the university’s global health group. I am vice chair of a local United Church of Canada.

I’m a professor of medicine, an associate member of Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact, and a member of the Centre of Excellence in Protective Equipment and Materials. I’ve published on chronic kidney disease (H-score 62), and since the pandemic, collaborated with engineers to produce new knowledge and knowledge translation, including plain-language articles in The Conversation that were read by 1.7M people, and the https://maskevidence.org website.

I have co-chaired national and international academic committees, am a senior editor at Cochrane and past editor-in-chief of the national kidney journal. I co-founded and lead the St Joseph’s Hamilton Healthcare program for transitioning young people with kidney disease from pediatric to adult practice, one of the first transitional programs at the university.

I am grateful to live and work on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee confederacy and the Anishinaabe nations, acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon wampum.