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# Being a Remote Grievance Officer

## CAUT Forum for Senior Grievance Officers

Friday, December 11, 2020

12:30 – 4:00pm EST

(Videoconference)

### Forum Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has radically altered the post-secondary sector as we know it. As academic staff association members have shifted to remote teaching, so have association operations. Additionally, the pandemic has resulted in exceptional grievance cases in the areas of health and safety, shared governance, intellectual property, and academic freedom. Through a panel, breakout groups, and a plenary session, the 2020 CAUT Forum for Senior Grievance Officers will explore how grievance officers are adapting to this new reality.

### Agenda

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| 12:00 - 12:30 | <b>Zoom Registration, Re-Naming, Technical Support</b>   |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | <b>Territorial Acknowledgement, Welcome, Forum Overview, and Introductions</b>   |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | <b>Session One — Health &amp; Safety in a Pandemic</b><br>As the world grapples with a pandemic that has so far claimed the lives of over one million people, health and safety issues concerning exposure to the virus and risk levels associated with limited re-openings have come to the fore for grievance officers. Workload grievances associated with the shift online have also come to the fore. |
| 13:45 – 14:00 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | <b>Breakout Groups</b><br>Forum participants will participate in one of three breakout groups to discuss emerging issues in key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Shared Governance (Simultaneous Interpretation Provided)</li><li>■ Academic Freedom &amp; Intellectual Property</li><li>■ Gendered &amp; Racialized Impacts of the Pandemic</li></ul>                                       |
| 15:00 – 15:45 | <b>Report-Backs from Breakout Groups (Plenary)</b>   |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | <b>Wrap-Up and Concluding Remarks</b>  |