Dr. Michael Salvatori
Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Ontario College of Teachers

Dr. Salvatori will speak on Monday June 16 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Opening of the Assembly

Dr. Salvatori was appointed to his current position in June 2009 following a 25-year career in public education. Prior to his appointment to lead Canada's largest self-regulatory body with over 235,000 members, Dr. Salvatori has served as an elementary and secondary school core French and French immersion teacher and has taught in Canada, France and Italy. He has also served as a vice-principal, principal, Director of the Ontario College of Teachers' membership services department and as an assistant professor at Glendon College of York University, jointly appointed to the Faculty of Education and the Department of French Studies. He holds a PhD in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning in the Second Language Education program from the University of Toronto. His areas of research include teacher language proficiency within the context of additional language teaching and diversity in teaching.

Dr. Lee Maracle
University of Toronto
The Traditional Teacher for First Nation's House

Dr. Maracle will speak at the Opening of the Assembly on Monday June 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Maracle is the author of a number of critically acclaimed literary works including: *Sojourner's and Sundogs* [collected work of novel and short stories], Polestar/Raincoast, *Ravensong* [novel], *Bobbi Lee* [autobiographical novel], *Daughters Are Forever*, [novel] *Will's Garden* [young adult novel], *Bent Box* [poetry], *I Am Woman* [creative non-fiction], and is the co-editor of a number of anthologies including the award winning publication, *My Home As I Remember* [anthology] Natural Heritage books. Ms. Maracle is published in anthologies and scholarly journals worldwide.

Ms. Maracle, a member of the Sto: Loh nation, is the mother of four and grandmother of seven. She is currently an instructor with the Centre for Indigenous Theatre and the S.A.G.E. [Support for Aboriginal Graduate Education] as well as the Banff Centre for the Arts writing instructor. In 2009, Maracle received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from St. Thomas University and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for her work promoting writing among Aboriginal Youth. Maracle has served as Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and the University of Western Washington.

Dr. Isabel Pedersen
Canada Research Chair in Digital Life, Media and Culture

Dr. Pedersen will speak on Wednesday June 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Pedersen is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa, Canada. Her research builds upon work that questions how technology frames human identity. By using communication theories and humanities methods, she brings further understanding about the impact of emergent digital media on life and culture. New digital devices are often invented and embraced by society before we are able to understand the impact they have on our lives, culture, art and social practices. Dr. Pedersen investigates how computer devices and gadgets worn on the body alter the ways people interact with others and participate in culture. As well, she is exploring how digital media frame parts of our humanity and alter the course of technological invention and creativity.

She is the author of *Ready to Wear: A Rhetoric of Wearable Computers and Reality-Shifting Media.* Parlor Press (2013) a book about the future but one geared to the present. Her book explores how and to what ends wearable inventions and technologies augment or remix reality, as well as the claims used to promote them.

Dr. Tony Townsend
Chair in Public Service Educational Leadership & Management

Dr. Townsend will speak on Tuesday June 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Townsend commenced as Chair of Public Service, Educational Leadership and Management at the University of Glasgow in January 2009. Prior to that he spent five years as Professor and Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership in the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University, and more than 20 years in the Faculty of Education at Monash University in Australia.

Tony has given numerous lectures, workshops, conference papers and presentations in the areas of school effectiveness and improvement, leadership, community education, policy development and school and community administration in over 40 developed, and less developed countries.
He has worked with ministries and departments of education, school communities, professional associations and business organizations in the areas of strategic planning and accountability, leadership and

community relationships, and improving student engagement, all focusing on maximizing student attitudes and achievement. His research interests include school effectiveness and improvement, school restructuring with a particular emphasis on public education, educational leadership, student engagement, strategic planning, global education and community education and development.