

**Dr. Decker-Pierce re-appointed as Director, School of Social Work
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King's University College at The University of Western Ontario is pleased to announce that at its October 27th meeting, the Board of Directors confirmed unanimously the re-appointment of Dr. Barbara Decker-Pierce as Director of the King's University College School of Social Work.

This re-appointment follows the recommendations of the Principal, the Academic Dean, and the Review Committee of the College. Dr. Decker-Pierce's appointment is for 2.5 years through June 2015.

"This is indeed good news for King's," notes Principal David Sylvester. "Dr. Decker-Pierce has proved to be an excellent colleague and leader of our School of Social Work. In 2009, she led the School through two external reviews, which resulted in full seven-year accreditation of our programs and highest ranking from the Ontario Graduate Schools."

"Dr. Barbara Decker Pierce received unanimous support for the renewal of her contract as Director of the School of Social Work from internal colleagues and our many community partners," says Sauro Camiletti, Academic Dean. "She received high praise for her professionalism, her knowledge of organizational management, her strong commitment to education, scholarship and social justice, her exemplary leadership and integrity, her collegiality and interpersonal skills, her skillful management of the accreditation process and her representation of the School of Social Work locally, regionally, provincially and nationally. She is characterized as being energetic, highly competent, compassionate and forward thinking. In our view she has played a significant role in positioning our School of Social Work as one of the best in the country."

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