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Dr. Kristopher Wells appointed as associate professor

Edmonton – Respected academic and human rights advocate Dr. Kristopher Wells has been appointed as an associate professor in the Department of Child and Youth Care in MacEwan University’s Faculty of Health and Community Studies.

“I am thrilled to join the faculty, staff and students at MacEwan and I’m looking forward to all the great things that are to come,” said Wells, whose scholarly work specializes in sexual and gender minority youth, health, education and culture.

Wells is one of the driving forces behind the creation of many groundbreaking initiatives including award-winning outreach programs for LGBTQ2 youth and groundbreaking initiatives such as PrideTape and NoHomophobes.com. “I’m excited to be a part of a university that wants to use research to help lead positive social change and to be of service to some of our most vulnerable and marginalized communities,” he said.

“It is my pleasure to welcome Dr. Wells to MacEwan,” said Dr. Fred McGinn, dean, Faculty of Health and Community Studies. “Kris is a strong advocate for bringing research to practice to challenge stereotypes and break down barriers. We look forward to supporting his collaborative research agenda aimed at dismantling injustices and systemic barriers facing LGBTQ2 youth.”

Wells is a frequently invited national and international speaker on sexual and gender minority youth issues. He has served as an expert scientific consultant to the many organizations including federal and provincial governments, the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, the Canadian Teachers’ Federation, the RCMP and the World Health Organization.

“Dr. Wells is a researcher with an impressive record of attracting external support for his scholarship,” said Dr. Craig Monk, MacEwan University’s provost pro tempore. “He is a scholar with a national profile who is well known for his advocacy on behalf of sexual and gender minority children, youth and their families. His work promises to involve our students at every stage of their programs.”

Dr. Wells is co-editor of the International Journal of LGBT Youth, the world’s leading research publication on LGBT youth. His work has been recognized with over 50 scholarly and community awards and recognitions.

Wells will join MacEwan University on September 1.

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