

# School of Accounting & Financial Services Welcomes New Full-time Faculty - Fall 2022

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SAFS is delighted to announce the addition of three new faculty members:

## Brendan Bergie



Brendan joined Seneca's School of Accounting and Financial Services as a part-time professor in January 2021 before accepting a full-time role in August 2022. Over the past 18 months, Brendan has taught both undergraduate and graduate-level students and has recently taken on the role of acting Program Coordinator for the FIP and CFP programs.

Prior to his time at Seneca, Brendan spent over 30 years in the financial services industry. In addition to managing teams across various corporate areas, he has held client-facing and leadership roles in Private Wealth Management and Personal & Small Business Banking. Brendan has led several advisory teams to achieve success and he brings this passion and experience to the classroom.

Brendan earned his MBA from the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto and holds the Personal Financial Planner (PFP) designation.

Outside of school, Brendan volunteers as the Treasurer of the Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra, a local community orchestra that is currently celebrating its 60th season. He also likes to ride his motorcycle and is an avid scuba diver. One of his dream vacations is to visit

Australia and dive the Great Barrier Reef.

## Kiran Bisnauth

Kiran Bisnauth joined Seneca as a full time Professor in the School of Accounting and Financial Services, Faculty of Business, in August 2022. She has been teaching in a part time capacity at Seneca and York University for 15+ years teaching various financial and business courses to undergraduate and graduate students. Before joining Seneca on a full-time basis, Kiran has held roles of increasing leadership responsibility, most recently as CFO for a healthcare company. She has worked in various organizations including the pharmaceutical sector, manufacturing industry, service industry, not-for-profit area and worked in public accounting at Deloitte and Touche. Her experience spans from private small start-ups to public multinational corporations and volunteer work. She brings this breadth of business experience to her current role.

Kiran received her Chartered Accountant (CA) /Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation in 1996. She is a member of CPA Canada and CPA Ontario and is actively involved in the CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP) as a session leader and facilitator. She earned her Masters of Accounting and Bachelors degree from the University of Waterloo.

Kiran enjoys cooking and baking and testing out new recipes on her husband and three children. To combat all the baking, she stays active at the gym. Kiran recently checked something off her bucket list by obtaining her yoga teaching certificate! You can often find her out in the community at her children's sporting events and spending time with family and friends.

## Eddie Pal



Eddie began teaching at Seneca in 2017 and at Georgian College in 2021. Eddie has always had a passion for teaching, with early experiences including lecturing and running tutorials for first year math classes in university. Eddie originally planned to be a mathematician and received his Masters in Pure Math at the University of Toronto. He taught CA professional

development throughout Ontario and worked with private companies and non-profit organizations throughout his career. He mentored many students in the CA program and trained many client bookkeepers over a 30 plus year career. Eddie was also a managing partner at a local family firm and at a midsized firm before joining Deloitte. While at Deloitte, he also ran the ticket distribution and prize selection for the Princess Margaret Hospital Lottery which gained him some interesting TV exposure as he helped picked the winners! Eddie has his Life Insurance Advisor License and acts as an advisor to high-net-worth individuals. In order to broaden his knowledge, he took a one-year course in Gestalt Therapy for Professionals. He has also served on the Board of Technion University in Israel and was President of the Canadian Charitable division. Eddie has a large family of 5 children and 5 grandchildren. His passion is reading and enjoying his cottage in Haliburton.

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