

KATE BAGGOT

Professional Profile

Kate Baggott's career is characterized by a mix of academic research, journalism, and advocacy, with a specific focus on the intersection of technology and society.

- **Journalism & Writing:** She is an established author and freelance journalist whose work has appeared in national and international publications. Her writing spans experimental fiction, creative nonfiction, and technology journalism. She has published short story collections, including *Dry Stories* and *Love from Planet Wine Cooler*.
- **Technology & Research:** Since 1996, Baggott has worked as a research consultant specializing in how children and youth interact with technology.
- **Education & Curriculum:** She has experience in project management and instructional design, particularly within the "EdTech" sector, where she has curated industry news and developed curriculum-related content.
- **Teaching:** While living in Germany, she taught English for specific purposes (including Engineering and Organic Chemistry) at the University of Applied Sciences in Darmstadt.
- **A long-time internet content and communications specialist,** I am currently Communications Officer for the Department of Economics, University of Toronto. Like most of my generation of digital natives, we invented our jobs. Copy writing and content became social media posts, AI dialogues and scripts. Every day is still exciting. I currently work as content manager and head of communications for an EdTech startup where course writing, pitches, press releases and thought leadership articles are all part of my day. While my full-time position requires both B2B and B2C outreach, my primary career focus is on B2B. I maintain my freelance practice for special projects like grant writing for the not-for-profit sector, white papers and case studies, and technology journalism. I have always split my time between industry and academia to maintain my enthusiasm for what comes next with a keen sense of where we've been, best practices, business ethics and sound research

Educational Background

- Master of Fine Arts (MFA): University of British Columbia.
- Bachelor of Arts (BA): University of Toronto.

DSBN Trustee & Leadership

Baggott was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 2018 and was re-elected for the 2022-2026 term.

- Board Chair: In November 2025, she was elected Chair of the Board.
- Key Priorities: Her platform has consistently focused on:
 - Accountability and Transparency: Increasing open communication between the board and the community.
 - Student Success: Championing 21st-century skills and ensuring educational pathways remain open for all students.
 - Equity & Inclusion: Developing policies that protect vulnerable students and fighting against hate to keep schools safe.

Community Involvement & Advocacy

Beyond her role at the DSNB, Baggott has a long history of civic engagement:

- Volunteerism: She has volunteered with Out of the Cold, a program supporting the homeless.
- Public Education Advocacy: Before her election, she was a vocal advocate regarding school closures in Niagara, frequently writing about the impact of "Accommodation reviews" on local neighborhoods.
- Human Rights: She has been involved in regional advocacy for women's rights and has voiced concerns regarding Charter rights and municipal governance in the Niagara region.

Personal Profile

- Residence: She lives in St. Catharines, though she maintains strong ties to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where her family has historical roots (notably the Niagara

Apothecary).

- Family: She is a single parent of two children (one university-aged and one high school-aged as of the mid-2020s). Her personal experience as a parent heavily informs her "parents' voice" approach to school board governance.