

Dalhousie Law School Recent Faculty Achievements / Awards:

Professor Wayne MacKay – Member of the Order of Canada

I am pleased to be able to pass on the good news that Professor Wayne MacKay has been named as a Member of the Order of Canada. This honour recognizes Wayne's commitment and contributions to human rights and equality in Canada, as well as his stature as a constitutional law scholar and teacher. The announcement of the award highlights a number of aspects of his career, including his role in the establishment of the Indigenous Blacks and Mi'kmaq Programme at the Law School, and his terms as Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission and President of Mount Allison University.

Please join me in congratulating Wayne on this well-deserved honour.

Phillip M. Saunders
Dean, Dalhousie Law School

2005 Frances Fish Women Lawyers' Achievement Award

I am pleased to pass on the news that Professor Dianne Pothier has been named as a recipient of the 2005 Frances Fish Women Lawyers' Achievement Award (along with Justice Elizabeth Roscoe), as a "pioneer for the rights of women with disabilities, not only in Nova Scotia, but across Canada." I know you join with me in congratulating Professor Pothier on this honour. An awards dinner will be held Oct. 18th (see details below).

Following is the text of the announcement of the award from the Barristers' Society Infoforum.

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Dean, Dalhousie Law School

The Nova Scotia Association of Women and the Law is pleased to announce that the recipients of the 2005 Frances Fish Women Lawyers' Achievement Awards are the Honourable Justice Elizabeth A. Roscoe and Professor Dianne Pothier.

Justice Elizabeth Roscoe began her remarkable legal career studying at Dalhousie Law School; she then practiced for ten years with Blois Nickerson Palmeter & Bryson in Halifax. She is recognized for her dedication, drive and commitment to integrity and as a trailblazer and leader for all women in the legal profession.

Professor Dianne Pothier has been a pioneer for the rights of women with disabilities, not only in Nova Scotia, but across Canada. Her ground-breaking contributions as a litigator, educator and mentor have been inspirational for many women in the country.

The Frances Fish Women Lawyers' Achievement Awards Dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at the Casino Nova Scotia Hotel.

Keynote Speaker: Libby Burnham, Q.C. DCL, long-time advocate for the advancement of women in public life, business and law, recipient of the Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service and partner at Morrison Brown Sosnovitch, LLP.

Contact Janet Stevenson at (902) 427-7016 or jstevenson@wickwireholm.com for more information or to purchase tickets

Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award for 2005

Professor Steve Coughlan has been awarded the Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award for 2005, to add to his growing collection of teaching awards from both the Law School and Dalhousie. I know you will all join me in congratulating Steve on this well-deserved recognition of his devotion to and talent for teaching. You may also remember that this prize was previously awarded to Prof. Wayne MacKay (in 1995) – which makes for an excellent record for the Law School as one (small) faculty out of the entire region.

Phillip M. Saunders
Dean, Dalhousie Law School

*To read the article on Professor Stephen Coughlan by Suzanne Le-May Sheffield please visit:
<http://www.dal.ca/news/2005/09/14/coughlan.html>

Walter Owen Book Prize

Please join me in congratulating colleagues Aldo Chircop, Hugh Kindred, and former Dal Law prof Edgar Gold: their recent book *Maritime Law in Canada* (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2003) was awarded the prestigious Walter Owen Book Prize (2005) by the Foundation for Legal Research, which it shares with Alan Gold's *Expert Evidence in Criminal Law*.

Philip Girard
Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research

SSHRC-CURA Grant Awarded

I am very pleased to announce that Prof. Jennifer Llewellyn (as Principal and Director) and co-applicants Prof. Bruce Archibald, Prof. Don Clairmont (Sociology) and Prof. Diane Crocker (Sociology, SMU), have been awarded a 5 year, \$1 million research grant under SSHRC's CURA (Community-University Research Alliance) programme. The grant proposal, entitled "Beyond Theory: Assessing Restorative Justice in Practice", is focused on assessing the issues that arise with the implementation and institutionalization of a comprehensive restorative justice program – and in that vein focuses on the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program. The Alliance involves Dalhousie Law School as the lead institution and Saint Mary's as a partner institution. The grant involves other academic collaborators including Prof. Michelle Williams of the Law School, Prof. Tony Thomson (Sociology, Acadia), Prof. Melanie Randall (Law, Western) and Prof. Lori Haskell (Psychiatry, Toronto). In addition to the academic collaborators the alliances includes 18 community partners including the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, RCMP, Halifax Police, Legal Aid, Corrections services, Victims Services, Prosecution Services and the restorative justice agencies across the province.

The grant should provide significant research opportunities for Dal Law students and an opportunity to further develop our relationship with these community and government partners and agencies.

I know you will join me in congratulating our colleagues on this successful initiative.

Phillip M. Saunders
Dean, Dalhousie Law School

NACLE Annual Law Student Writing Competition

On behalf of the International Linkages Committee, I wish to inform you that Lee Seshagiri was the Dalhousie winner of the NACLE 3rd Annual Law Student Writing Competition. The paper topic was "A Relational Approach to Autonomy in Abortion", and the paper had a strong Canadian-US comparative flavour.

Selection entails a NACLE travel grant to present the paper at the forthcoming meeting of the North American Consortium on Legal Education, scheduled for 6-9 April 2006 in Monterrey, Mexico. Similar winners from the various NACLE member schools will be presenting their papers.

Sincerely,

Aldo Chircop, JSD
Chair, International Linkages Committee