

Sixth Annual University of Windsor



Celebration of Teaching Excellence



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Order of Events

Welcoming Remarks Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic
Introducing the Award Winners Alan Wright, Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, and Erika Kustra, Director, Teaching and Learning Development



GA/TA Awards



Student-Initiated Awards



Faculty Awards



Regional Award



University Teaching Certificate Graduates



*Campus-Wide Awards
Sponsored by the Alumni Association*



National Award



Closing Remarks

Alan Wildeman, President and Vice-Chancellor



GA/TA AWARDS

- Both awards recognize exemplary graduate and teaching assistants (GA/TAs) who contribute to a positive learning-centred environment at the University
- Winners are selected by a seven-member committee comprised of three University of Windsor faculty, three GA/TAs, and a non-voting staff member of the Centre for Teaching and Learning

GA/TA AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE



Vanessa Bruce, Laura Krasean, and Amanda Robinson

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Vanessa, Laura, and Amanda go the extra mile to assist students, providing them with learning-centred feedback. Though each member could have won the award on her own, the dossier demonstrated how much stronger they were as a well-integrated team, working not in parallel but truly in collaboration.



Melanie Santarossa

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CREATIVE WRITING

Melanie has worked at mastering a breadth of pedagogical approaches and integrated them into a coherent personal teaching style. Her teaching strategies are systematic, active, and appropriately pitched for students at various levels. She is also active in teaching and learning communities locally, provincially, and nationally.

GA/TA AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Paul Moffatt

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

By planning, facilitating, and participating in events to create a community atmosphere focused on collaboration, growth, and kindness, Paul creates multiple opportunities for people to help each other learn and grow as teachers. He is not only deeply reflective, but also able to use that reflection to help others.



STUDENT-INITIATED AWARDS

COMMERCE SOCIETY AWARDS

- Awarded by the Business undergraduate student body to professors in Accounting, Finance, Management, Management Science, Marketing, and Strategy and Entrepreneurship who demonstrate excellence in their teaching



Jim Stevens

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*Commerce Society Professor of the Year,
Accounting*



Eahab Elsaid

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*Commerce Society, Professor of the Year,
Finance*

COMMERCE SOCIETY AWARDS (cont'd)



Catherine Kuharski

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*Commerce Society, Professor of the Year,
Management*



Fazle Baki

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*Commerce Society, Professor of the Year,
Management Science*



Bill Wellington

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*Commerce Society, Professor of the Year,
Marketing*



Fritz Rieger

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*Commerce Society, Professor of the Year,
Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

NURSING SOCIETY AWARDS

- Awarded by the Nursing Society to recognize teaching accomplishments that may include, but are not limited to, effectiveness in large-class teaching, effective implementation of teaching and learning innovations, and development of materials for flexible learning and delivery



Judy Bornais

FACULTY OF NURSING

*Nursing Society, Faculty
of the Year Award*

Professor Bornais is an Experiential Learning Specialist in the Faculty of Nursing and a Certified Diabetes Educator for the Canadian Diabetes Association. With a comprehensive, enthusiastic teaching style, she introduces first-year Nursing students to the discipline in a thoughtful and encouraging way. Her passion for teaching shines through every lesson she teaches.



Caroline Cooke

WINDSOR REGIONAL
HOSPITAL

*Nursing Society, Preceptor
of the Year Award*

Caroline is an emergency room nurse at Windsor Regional Hospital, and a preceptor to fourth-year students in the Faculty of Nursing. She is enthusiastic and supportive, and her patience and encouragement help shape her students into becoming more capable, confident graduates.



Vida Routley

FACULTY OF NURSING

*Nursing Society, Clinical
Teacher of the Year Award*

Professor Routley is a Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner with the Canadian Mental Health Association, and a sessional instructor in the Faculty of Nursing. She guides her students to think critically and practice therapeutically. She is calm and patient, and always motivates her students to go the “extra mile.”

HONOURABLE JUSTICE ROBERT ABBEY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPECIAL LECTURER

- Presented by the Students' Law Society to the sessional instructor who best exemplifies the attributes of an exceptional teacher for the school year in question



Marcela Aroca

FACULTY OF LAW

“I consider teaching a privilege and this year, as in the past, my students have allowed me to enjoy that privilege to the fullest. The fact that students come to each class and demonstrate such a willingness to learn has always been, for me, gratitude enough.” ~ *Professor Aroca*

STUDENTS' LAW SOCIETY, FACULTY AWARD

- Presented to the professor who best exemplifies the attributes of an exceptional teacher for the school year in question



Gemma Smyth

FACULTY OF LAW

Professor Smyth focuses on clinical and experiential approaches to teaching substantive law, social justice lawyering, and critical approaches to problem solving in legal contexts. She is fortunate to work with highly motivated students committed to working with marginalized populations through direct client service and policy advocacy. ~ *Award Citation*



David Tanovich

FACULTY OF LAW

“I consider teaching in a professional school to be a weighty obligation: it is a real challenge to ensure that you are engaging students and helping them to think critically. I am humbled by the award and inspired that students recognize the importance of critical, ethical, and innovative thinking. I share this award with all of my students as we engage in a joint enterprise here at the law school.” ~ *Professor Tanovich*

ORGANIZATION OF PART-TIME STUDENTS (OPUS) FACULTY AWARD

- Recognizes teaching accomplishments that may include, but are not limited to, effectiveness in large-class teaching, effective implementation of teaching and learning innovations, and development of materials for flexible learning and delivery



John Deukmedjian

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND CRIMINOLOGY

“Dr. Deukmedjian always delivers interesting and insightful lectures. He engages and manages a large class with discussions, video clips, articles, relevant news stories, and lectures, and helps students succeed by providing sample questions for exams and assignments. He really inspires his students.” ~ *Nomination Letter*



Duane Falconer

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

“Professor Falconer is a true artist in helping students to think critically about topics that are often very controversial. He works relentlessly to this end and always respects alternate points of view. He lectures *with* and not *at* students, and always keeps students focused on the topic.” ~ *Nomination Letter*

OPUS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Recognizes professors who demonstrate outstanding dedication to part-time students, helping them to achieve academic excellence and greater learning



Kristina Verner

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

“Professor Verner is the epitome of a university instructor. Her love for the subject matter is contagious, and even the driest chapters are interesting because of her positive energy and innovative approaches in the classroom. She is always there for us - always highly approachable and completely accessible before and after classes, both during her posted office hours and beyond.” ~ *Nomination Letter*

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR STUDENTS' ALLIANCE (UWSA) TEACHER OF THE YEAR

- Promotes and recognizes professors who demonstrate outstanding dedication to the education of students



Jamey Essex

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

“Dr. Essex never fails to engage with his students and to bring interesting and new perspectives to his classes. He breaks down concepts that might otherwise be challenging for learners and presents them in way that students can understand and build from.” ~ *Nomination Letter*



Kathryn Lafreniere

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

“Dr. Lafreniere is known for her support of her students and student-based initiatives. She consistently advocates for students and always puts them first in the Department of Psychology and across campus.” ~ *Nomination Letter*



FACULTY AWARDS

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES KATHLEEN E. MCCRONE TEACHING AWARD

- Considers teaching performance, availability, and the introduction and successful application of innovative teaching methods



Robert Nelson

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

“Dr. Nelson is well known by students and colleagues alike for his expressive and enlightening lectures, close attention to the intellectual development of students and their potential as researchers, high expectations for his students and himself, regular experimentation and innovation in pedagogy, and dedicated university citizenship. As his faculty and student nominators declare, Rob inspires and engages us all in the pleasure of great teaching.” ~ *Award Citation*

ROGER THIBERT TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

- Recognizes faculty who show excellence in undergraduate and/or graduate teaching, curriculum development, or educational leadership, and who develop a positive, learning-centred environment in the Faculty of Science



Richard Caron

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

“Dr. Caron helped me write my first journal article and assisted me throughout the publication process, advised me to join groups and societies associated with my area of study, took the time to attend conferences with me, and introduced me to leaders and innovators in my field. The guidance, advice, and experience that Dr. Caron shared with me has had such a significant impact on my life. He has inspired me to become an educator myself, and I aspire to one day teach and mentor students as well as he does.” ~ *Former Student*

ROGER THIBERT TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD (cont'd)



Chitra Rangan

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

“Not only is Dr. Rangan an able and engrossing teacher in the classroom, but she also possesses the hallmark of a great educator: her influence extends well beyond the classroom environment. She is fearless when it comes to pushing students to find and do their best, and I owe her a considerable debt for pushing me to find mine.”
~ *Former Student*



Robert Schurko

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

“I do not regard myself as a teacher, but rather a learning facilitator. I take into account the wide variety of ways that students learn, and use this multi-tiered teaching system to try to reach even those who may seem unreachable. I strive to earn my students’ respect by respecting them, and by creating a professional and friendly environment for them to learn in.” ~ *Dr. Schurko*



REGIONAL AWARD

ESSEX REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (ERCA) CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARD

- Honours and recognizes excellence in ongoing conservation education programs or individual projects in schools and organizations



Daniel Mennill, Oliver P. Love, and Stéphanie M. Doucet

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

“We’re honoured to receive this award. We look forward to teaching many more students in ornithology, ecology, and conservation biology through hands-on studies at local conservation areas. We’re moving forward in developing a local research station for environmental studies, education, and outreach. With a strong partnership with ERCA, we’re confident that we will establish a world-renowned centre for ornithological and environmental studies right here in Essex County.” ~ *Dr. Mennill*



CAMPUS-WIDE AWARDS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD

- Recognizes faculty who offer personal, academic, and/or professional guidance to students, and make a significant contribution to their all-around development up to and following graduation



Martha Reavley

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

“By definition, a mentor is one who offers guidance, support, and encouragement. In my opinion, to achieve ‘excellence in mentoring,’ one must demonstrate traits that go far beyond these words. Dr. Reavley is not only an excellent mentor, but she is also a tremendous person, friend, and professional all in one. I am grateful for educators like Martha Reavley – educators who care and who make teaching a priority, and not just a job.” ~ *Former Student*

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIVERSITY TEACHING

- Honours and recognizes excellence in teaching on campus



Daniel Mennill

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

“Dr. Mennill teaches with infectious enthusiasm and highlights his message with the most visually-appealing lecture slides I have ever seen. During class, students often ask questions that flow perfectly into the next topic he plans to cover. He is a natural teacher, and his students are always actively learning and critically thinking about the material.” ~ *Former Student*



PROVINCIAL AWARD

ONTARIO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ALLIANCE (OUSA) TEACHING AWARD

- Acknowledges professors who have made a significant contribution to teaching excellence, facilitating a positive learning experience for students in Ontario



Kathryn Lafreniere

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

“Dr. Lafreniere encourages active discussions in her classes, allowing every student the opportunity to voice their perspective. She challenges her students to excel in their course work, but balances her expectations with compassion and genuine interest in their lives. It is not uncommon for students to receive a personal email from Dr. Lafreniere acknowledging good work or suggesting opportunities for academic and personal improvement.” ~ *Award Citation*



NATIONAL AWARD

CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION COURSE AWARD

- Awarded to an individual or individuals who have created and continue to teach a truly state-of-the-art course that fosters learning for innovation and entrepreneurship; and where innovativeness of the course, student learning, and student impact are demonstrated



Francine Schlosser

ODETTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



Myra Tawfik

FACULTY OF LAW

“The course [*Advanced Business Law Practicum*] is like no other. It will test your reasoning and analytical skills, your ability to deliver solutions, your creativity, and your work ethic. In the end, you’ll know whether you have arrived. It’s a sure fire way to get a leg up on the competition in the job market.” ~ *Former Student*

Congratulations to the Graduates of the University Teaching Certificate Program!

The University Teaching Certificate (UTC) program is the first and only SEDA-recognized graduate university teaching certificate program in North America, placing the University of Windsor at the forefront of professional and academic development in higher education.

The UTC is a post-graduate academic program, which offers faculty and graduate students systematic professional and scholarly development, with the aim of helping academics realize their potential as scholarly teachers of their disciplines and educational leaders in their academic communities.

Congratulations to the program's second graduating cohort!

Jessie Beatty, Department of English Language,
Literature, and Creative Writing

Lynda Cunningham, Odette School of Business

Nabih Jaber, Department of Electrical
and Computer Engineering

Betsy Keating, Faculty of Education

Kathleen McMahon, Faculty of Nursing

Debbie Rickeard, Faculty of Nursing

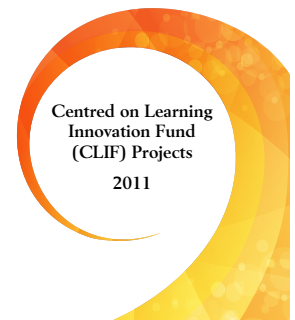
Melanie Santarossa, Department of English
Language, Literature, and Creative Writing

Gemma Smyth, Faculty of Law

Centred on Learning Innovation Fund (CLIF)

In 2007, the Centre for Teaching and Learning established the CLIF grant to stimulate the development, implementation, and assessment of innovative projects that enhance the student learning experience, and explore learning outcomes. The Centre invited faculty members to share the findings and outcomes of their CLIF projects at a poster session at this year's Celebration.

The 2011 CLIF recipients are:



Empowering International Students to Succeed in First Year Biology

Dora Cavallo-Medved, Department of Biological Sciences

A Checklist for Evaluating Course Curriculum and Teaching

Jim Coyle & Irene Carter, School of Social Work

Efficacy of MyLearning Products in Student Assessment

Ken Cramer, Department of Psychology

Assessing the Likelihood of Disengagement and Academically Risky Behaviours in University Students

Kathryn Lafreniere, Rosanne Menna, Ken Cramer, & Stewart Page, Department of Psychology

Providing Math Assistance Online: Assessment of Student Learning

Dragana Martinovic, Faculty of Education & Justin Lariviere, Learning Specialist and Director of the Mathematics and Statistics Learning Centre

Alternative Course Assessment for Continuous Instructional Improvement and Student Engagement

Zbigniew Pasek, Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering & Paul Rousseau, Political Science

Using Student Input to Enhance Academic Success and Student Retention in the Biological Sciences

Kirsten Poling, Department of Biological Sciences

A Strategy to Evaluate Teaching and Learning Experience by Employing Engineering Concepts

Daniela Pusca, Mechanical, Automotive, and Materials Engineering

Assessment in Clinical and Experiential Learning Contexts

Gemma Smyth & Marcia Valiante, Faculty of Law

Visit ctl.uwindsor.ca/grants for the 2012 CLIF Call for Submissions.

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GA/TA Award for Educational Leadership

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Caroline Cooke, Windsor Regional Hospital

Vida Routley, Faculty of Nursing

Marcela Aroca, Faculty of Law

Gemma Smyth, Faculty of Law

David Tanovich, Faculty of Law

John Deukmedjian, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and
Criminology

Duane Falconer, Department of Philosophy

Kristina Verner, School of Computer Science

Jamey Essex, Department of Political Science

Kathryn Lafreniere, Department of Psychology

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Commerce Society, Professor of the Year, Strategy & Entrepreneurship

Nursing Society, Faculty of the Year Award

Nursing Society, Preceptor of the Year Award

Nursing Society, Clinical Teacher of the Year Award

Honourable Justice Robert Abbey Award for Outstanding Special Lecturer

Students' Law Society, Faculty Award

Students' Law Society, Faculty Award

Organization of Part-Time Students (OPUS) Faculty Award

OPUS Faculty Award

OPUS Teacher of the Year Award

University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) Teacher of the Year

UWSA Teacher of the Year; Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)
Teaching Award

FACULTY & REGIONAL AWARDS

Robert Nelson, Department of History

Richard Caron, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Chitra Rangan, Department of Physics

Robert Schurko, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Daniel Mennill, Oliver P. Love, and Stéphanie M. Doucet,
Department of Biological Sciences

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Kathleen E. McCrone Teaching Award

Roger Thibert Teaching Excellence Award

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Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) Conservation Education Award

CAMPUS-WIDE AWARDS

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Alumni Association Excellence in Mentoring Award

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to University Teaching

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Entrepreneurial Education Course Award