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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At every meeting, the Board receives a list of recent notable distinctions and recognitions that have been received by UBC faculty members – for their teaching, scholarly accomplishments and community service – ranging from very prestigious national and international awards to significant internal awards at UBC. In addition, the Board receives profiles of three of these faculty award winners.

UBC faculty profiled at this meeting and on the Board of Governors website:

- **Dr. Ian Williams** (Research category)
Assistant Professor, Creative Writing Program
Faculty of Arts
- **Dr. Rita Irwin** (Service category)
Professor, Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy
Faculty of Education
- **Dr. Leonard Foster** (Teaching category)
Professor and Head, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Medicine

Attachments

1. Profiles of the above scholars
2. List of Notable Distinctions: *Research *Service *Teaching



Ian Williams



Assistant Professor, Creative Writing Program
Faculty of Arts

2019 Scotiabank Giller Prize Scotiabank and the Giller Prize Foundation

Congratulations to Professor Ian Williams, who was honoured with the 2019 Scotiabank Giller Prize presented by Scotiabank and the Giller Prize Foundation. The Scotiabank Giller Prize is Canada's largest literary award, recognizing excellence in Canadian fiction. Professor Williams is acknowledged for his debut novel *Reproduction*, an engrossing story of disparate people brought together and a masterful unfolding of unexpected connections and collisions between and across lives otherwise separated by race, class, gender and geography.

Professor Ian Williams' work is predominantly in poetry and fiction. He is the author of *Personals*, shortlisted for the 2013 Griffin Poetry Prize and the Robert Kroetsch Poetry Book Award; *Not Anyone's Anything*, winner of the 2011 Danuta Gleed Literary Award for the best first collection of short fiction in Canada; and *You Know Who You Are*, a finalist for the ReLit Prize for poetry. He was named as one of ten Canadian writers to watch by the CBC.

Professor Williams completed his B.Sc. in Psychology and English, and went on to complete his M.A. and Ph.D. in English at the University of Toronto. Williams has been a faculty member at the University of British Columbia Creative Writing Program since 2017.



Rita L. Irwin



Professor, Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy
Faculty of Education

Murray Elliott Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Teacher Education Program

Dr. Rita L. Irwin is a Professor of Curriculum Studies and Art Education, and served as Associate Dean of Teacher Education at UBC from 2005 to 2015. She is an artist, researcher and teacher deeply committed to the arts and education.

Dr. Irwin has been an educational leader for provincial, national and international organizations including the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (for which she was President), the Canadian Association of Curriculum Studies, and the Canadian and international Societies for Education through Art. She publishes widely, exhibits her artworks, and has secured a range of research grants. Dr. Irwin facilitated a group of UBC faculty and students in conceptualizing a/r/tography, a form of arts-based educational research first published in 2004. Since then, countless theses and dissertations, journal articles and exhibitions/performances have been written/created using this form of research in over 20 countries in the world.

In recognition of Dr. Irwin's many accomplishments and commitments, she has received a number of awards including the Canadian Art Teacher of the Year Award (CSEA) and the UBC Killam Award for Excellence in Mentoring, and she was named a Distinguished Fellow of the National Art Education Association in the USA. The Murray Elliott Service Award honours those who, like Dr. Irwin, have made an outstanding contribution to the Teacher Education Program at UBC.



Leonard Foster



Professor and Head
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Faculty of Medicine

UBC Killam Award for Excellence in Mentoring, 2019

Professor Leonard Foster has received a UBC Killam Award for Excellence in Mentoring in recognition of his profound impact on innumerable students, postdoctoral fellows, staff and colleagues. Dr. Foster's students describe him as an outstanding scientist and mentor who cares deeply about his students' learning, creativity, growing independence, career development, and wellbeing. He is noted for engaging each individual on their own terms, drawing up their interests and ambitions, and he actively seeks out ways or opportunities to help them fulfill these goals. Dr. Foster is consistently described as a role model, not only for his scientific achievements and mentorship, but also for championing gender equity, work-life balance, and de-stigmatization in support of those with mental health challenges.

Dr. Foster completed a Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry) at Simon Fraser University in 1996, and went on to complete a PhD (Biochemistry) at the University of Toronto in 2001. His research covers a wide range of topics including pathogen invasion, infection, protein localization and mapping protein interaction. One of his current projects, which has received media attention, is dedicated to identifying disease-resistance traits in honey bees.

Professor Foster has received many other awards in the past, including a UBC Killam Research Prize, the Genome BC Award for Scientific Excellence, and the Ken Standing Award at the Enabling Technologies Symposium in Ottawa.

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FEB 2020	APPLIED SCIENCE - Civil Engineering	Mavinic, Donald - Professor Emeritus	Named a Member of the Order of Canada for contributions to environmental engineering science and technology in Canada, notably in the areas of liquid wastewater and residuals management.
FEB 2020	APPLIED SCIENCE - Civil Engineering	Molina Hutt, Carlos - Assistant Professor	Awarded the 2019 Shah Family Innovation Prize by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), recognizing young professionals and academics for creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit in the field of earthquake risk mitigation and management.
FEB 2020	APPLIED SCIENCE - Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolmaesumi, Purang - Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During his residence, Prof. Abolmaesumi plans to engage a transdisciplinary group of scholars to seek breakthrough innovations in AI research and applications.
FEB 2020	APPLIED SCIENCE - School of Biomedical Engineering	Eaves, Connie - Professor	Named a Woman of the Year 2019 by Chatelaine Magazine for her award-winning research on leukemia and breast cancer. These honours highlight those who are making our country, and our world, a better place.
FEB 2020	ARTS - Creative Writing	Maillard, Keith - Professor	Recipient of a 2019 Book of the Year Award (Fiction) from the Book Publishers Association of Alberta for his novel, <i>Twin Studies</i> (Freehand Books).
FEB 2020	ARTS - Creative Writing	Williams, Ian - Assistant Professor	Honoured with the 2019 Scotiabank Giller Prize for excellence in Canadian fiction, with his debut novel <i>Reproduction</i> . The prize is Canada's largest literary award and recognizes the very best of Canadian fiction.
FEB 2020	ARTS - English Language & Literatures	Troeung, Y-Dang - Assistant Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During her residence, Prof. Troeung plans to complete her book manuscript on the afterlife of the Cold War in Cambodia, a project that investigates the relationship between war, refuge, and creative reparation.

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FEB 2020	ARTS - Geography	Hassan, Marwan - Professor	Awarded the 2019 International Qian Ning Prize for Erosion and Sedimentation Technology by the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research - for outstanding contributions to advancement of knowledge in erosion and sedimentation and to international cooperation. The prize is given once every three years at the International Symposium on River Sedimentation (ISRS). Professor Hassan shares the prize with Professor Wieprecht from the University of Stuttgart, Germany.
FEB 2020	ARTS - Geography	Peck, Jamie - Professor	Awarded the 2020 AAG Distinguished Scholarship Honors by the American Association of Geographers (AAG) for his foundational and sustained contributions to the field of economic geography and to human geography, more broadly.
FEB 2020	ARTS - Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice	Riaño-Alcalá, Pilar - Professor	Recipient of a Senior Research Fellowship by CALAS, the Maria Sibylla Merian Centre in Guadalajara Mexico next year (2020) for her outstanding scientific trajectory in the field of Latin American Studies. CALAS fellows contribute to the transfer of knowledge between different sectors of society, and to strengthen dialogue with internationally recognized academics and researchers.
FEB 2020	ARTS - iSchool (Library, Archival and Information Studies)	Bullard, Julia - Assistant Professor	Recipient of the sixth Annual 2018 "Best Paper in KO Award" from Knowledge Organization (KO), Official Journal of the International Society for Knowledge Organization for her paper "Curated Folksonomies: Three Implementations of Structure Through Human Judgment".
FEB 2020	ARTS - Philosophy	Jenkins, Carrie - Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During her residence, Prof. Jenkins will be working on a collection of creative scholarly projects deploying the Tarot deck (as classically illustrated by Pamela Colman Smith) as a creative and intellectual prompt.

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FEB 2020	ARTS - Psychology	Heine, Steven - Professor	Honoured with the Outstanding Contributions to Cultural Psychology Award from the Cultural Psychology Preconference group at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology for 2020. It recognizes a scholar whose work has added substantially to the body of knowledge in cultural psychology and whose sustained contributions in research, teaching, and/or service have significantly advanced the field.
FEB 2020	ARTS - Psychology	Floresco, Stan - Professor	Recipient of the 2019 Daniel H. Efron Research Award from the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) for excellence in basic research. The Efron Research Award is presented in recognition of outstanding basic research contributions to neuropsychopharmacology.
FEB 2020	ARTS - School of Journalism	Callison, Candis - Associate Professor	Named an OsloMet Digital Journalism Research Fellow for 2020 from OsloMet University in Norway. This is a prestigious journalism fellowship which inaugurates a new group of journalism academic researchers and professionals in the research of digital journalism.
FEB 2020	ARTS - School of Journalism	Young, Mary-Lynn - Associate Professor	Named an OsloMet Digital Journalism Research Fellow for 2020 from OsloMet University in Norway. This is a prestigious journalism fellowship which inaugurates a new group of journalism academic researchers and professionals in the research of digital journalism.
FEB 2020	ARTS - School of Public Policy and Global Affairs	Ramana, M.V. - Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During his residence, Prof. Ramana hopes to explore nuclear energy from many different directions and intellectual perspectives to come up with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary picture of the nuclear energy sector, and engage policy making more generally.

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FEB 2020	ARTS - Vancouver School of Economics	Ferraz, Claudio - Professor	Named a 2019 Fellow of the Econometric Society. Fellows represent the highest authority and achievement recognized by the Society. Professor Ferraz becomes one of only 6 researchers currently at Canadian Universities to be elected. He is recognized for his groundbreaking work on the role of information in affecting electoral oversight of politicians in Brazil.
FEB 2020	EDUCATION - Curriculum & Pedagogy	Meyer, Karen - Associate Professor	Received the 2019 Ted T. Aoki Award for Distinguished Service from the Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies (CACS) of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE). The award recognizes individuals who have made major contributions through research, teaching, and/or professional service in the field of curriculum studies in Canada.
FEB 2020	EDUCATION - Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education	Schultz, Izabela - Professor	Recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Achievement Award by the International Association for Scientific Advancement of Psychological Injury and the Law (ASAPIL). ASAPIL has a mandate to advance scientific research and science to practice exchange in the area of interface of psychological injury.
FEB 2020	EDUCATION - Educational Studies	Stack, Michelle - Associate Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During her residence, Prof. Stack hopes to expand conversations around a networked approach of academics, activists, educators, and students to uncover the values and beliefs behind rankings, while offering space for the development of approaches to education that are grounded in social, environmental, and cognitive justice.

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FEB 2020	EDUCATION - Language & Literacy Education	Norton, Bonny - Professor	Recipient of a Public Humanities Course-Release Award (2019) by the Public Humanities Hub (PHH) at UBC. Dr. Bonny Norton was one of only four UBC faculty awarded. These awards support research excellence among humanities scholars in the Faculties of Arts, Law, and Education at UBC and help to develop and highlight public-facing research in the humanities.
FEB 2020	LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS	Black, Jennifer - Associate Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During her residence, Prof. Black plans to engage children and schools in more critical discussions about the links between poverty, food insecurity and social justice.
FEB 2020	LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS	Thompson, James - Professor Emeritus	Received the BC Dairy Industry Achievement Award from the BC Dairy Historical Society. The award recognizes Professor Thompson's outstanding support for dairy research and education, and animal welfare.
FEB 2020	LAW	Affolder, Natasha - Professor	Awarded the 2019 Richard Macrory Prize for Best Article from the Journal of Environmental Law for the article titled "Contagious Environmental Lawmaking" published in 2019. The judges found this article altogether refreshing, being both perceptively insightful and original – it will undoubtedly have a key role in shifting the debate in this increasingly important area.
FEB 2020	LAW	Kong, Hoi - Associate Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During his residence, Prof. Kong will undertake research on how the processes and substance of constitutional and public law can respond to deep divisions in society.
FEB 2020	MEDICINE - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Teves, Sheila - Assistant Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During her residence, Prof. Teves will explore and generate new computational models that integrate genomics data with imaging analysis.

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FEB 2020	MEDICINE - Microbiology and Immunology	Jefferies, Wilfred - Professor	Named a 2019 Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. Election as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to eminent academic inventors. Dr. Jefferies is the first Canadian immunologist to be inducted and will be joining a prestigious group of only 13 academic inventors in Canada to be elected.
FEB 2020	MEDICINE - Physical Therapy	Boyd, Lara - Professor	Named a Wall Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for 2020-21. During her residence, Prof. Boyd will turn her attention to developing understanding of the importance of the arts for brain health.
FEB 2020	SCIENCE - Chemistry	Schafer, Laurel - Professor	Recipient of the 2020 Canadian Green Chemistry and Engineering Award from The Chemical Institute of Canada. This award is presented to an individual working in Canada who has made significant contributions to advance green chemistry and/or engineering, including the technical, human health and environmental benefits.
FEB 2020	SCIENCE - Physics & Astronomy	Kruecken, Reiner - Professor	Named a 2019 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He was elected for his work elucidating the structure of exotic nuclei and astrophysical heavy element synthesis, and for his leadership in the international nuclear physics community.
FEB 2020	SCIENCE - Zoology	O'Connor, Mary - Associate Professor	Honoured with the 2019 Steacie Prize for Natural Sciences from the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fund and the National Research Council. The prize is named in memory of E.W.R. Steacie, a physical chemist and former President of the National Research Council of Canada, to whom much is owed for the development of science in Canada. The Prize is awarded annually to a young scientist or engineer in Canada.

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FEB 2020	SCIENCE - Zoology	Kremen, Claire - Professor	Received the Doctor of Science <i>Honoris Causa</i> from the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) Richard Gilder Graduate School in "recognition of her extraordinary contributions to science, education and society".

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FEB 2020	ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW	Goold, Benjamin - Professor	Visiting Professorial Fellow at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Faculty of Law in Sydney, Australia.
FEB 2020	APPLIED SCIENCE - Nursing	MacPhee, Maura - Professor	Elected Fellow of the Canadian Nurse Educator Institute, in recognition of the calibre of Professor MacPhee's work and contributions to nursing education in Canada over the course of her career.
FEB 2020	ARTS - Linguistics	Babel, Molly - Associate Professor	Killam Award for Excellence in Mentoring, 2019 - mid career; recognizes faculty members with outstanding ability to foster the intellectual, professional, and personal development of graduate students.
FEB 2020	ARTS - Psychology	Baron, Andy - Associate Professor	2019 Robert E. Knox Master Teaching Award. This award celebrates psychology faculty whose teaching practice is exceptional and inspires student learning.
FEB 2020	MEDICINE - Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	Foster, Leonard - Professor and Head	Killam Award for Excellence in Mentoring, 2019; recognizes faculty members with outstanding ability to foster the intellectual, professional, and personal development of graduate students.
FEB 2020	MEDICINE - Southern Medical Program	Larsen, Carmen - Clinical Instructor & Integrated Community Clerkship (ICC) Site Director, Vernon	Certificate of Merit Award, from the Canadian Association for Medical Education; the annual award recognizes faculty across Canadian medical schools who have made valued contributions to medical education. Since 2014, Dr. Larsen has been the Site Director for the Vernon ICC Program and a champion for medical education in the community. Through her leadership, she has fostered a tremendous learning environment for UBC students and has been an advocate for physician wellness.

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FEB 2020	UBCO - IRVING K. BARBER SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES - Biology	Klegeris, Andis - Associate Professor	Provost Teaching Excellence and Innovation Award. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge teaching excellence and innovation at UBC's Okanagan campus. The successful award winner(s) will be exemplary role models who have and will continue to have a significant impact on the culture of teaching and learning.
FEB 2020	UBCO - FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - Health & Exercise Sciences	Willis-Stewart, Sally - Senior Instructor & Director	Provost Teaching Excellence and Innovation Award. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge teaching excellence and innovation at UBC's Okanagan campus. The successful award winner(s) will be exemplary role models who have and will continue to have a significant impact on the culture of teaching and learning.

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FEB 2020	ARTS - Creative Writing Program	Ohlin, Alix - Chair	Scotiabank Giller Prize shortlist for <i>Dual Citizens</i> .
FEB 2020	ARTS - Creative Writing Program	Ohlin, Alix - Chair	Rogers Writers' Trust shortlist for the year's best novel or short story collection, for <i>Dual Citizens</i> .
FEB 2020	ARTS - Creative Writing Program	Williams, Ian - Assistant Professor	City of Toronto Book Award finalist.
FEB 2020	ARTS - Creative Writing Program	Williams, Ian - Assistant Professor	Amazon.ca First Book Award finalist.
FEB 2020	ARTS - French, Hispanic and Italian Studies	Lamontagne, André - Professor of French	Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Awarded by the Governor General of Canada, this award recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements by Canadians from across the country and abroad in a wide range of fields. André Lamontagne has been involved in the Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique and the Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique for over a decade. From organizing French seminars and literary prizes to advocating for access to social services in French, he has promoted the French language on the West Coast.
FEB 2020	ARTS - French, Hispanic and Italian Studies	Lamontagne, André - Professor of French	Named a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques, an honorary title bestowed on distinguished academics by the Prime Minister of France and the French Ministry of Education, in recognition of service to French culture. The award recognizes Professor Lamontagne's contribution to the promotion of the French language and culture in British Columbia.

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FEB 2020	ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW	Dauvergne, Catherine – Dean and Professor	Received honorary title of Queen’s counsel (QC) for 2019, in recognition for excellent performance, dedication to the legal system, and contributions to the people of British Columbia and to the legal profession.
FEB 2020	EDUCATION - Curriculum & Pedagogy	Irwin, Rita - Professor	Murray Elliott Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Teacher Education Program, presented by the UBC Faculty of Education. The award is given in recognition of leadership and service in the area of teacher education provincially, nationally and internationally.
FEB 2020	EDUCATION - Curriculum & Pedagogy	Code, Jillianne - Assistant Professor	Dr. Harold N. Segall Award of Merit from the Canadian Cardiovascular Society. This award was created in 1991 in honour of the late Dr. Segall who was a founding Member of the CCS and for many years served as the Society’s Archivist. It is offered in recognition of a significant contribution to the prevention of cardiovascular disease or the promotion of cardiovascular health in Canadians.
FEB 2020	EDUCATION - Language and Literacy	Norton, Bonny - Professor	Named a Great Supervisor in the 2019 UBC Faculty of Graduate Studies' Great Supervisor Week.
FEB 2020	SCIENCE - Botany	Wasteneys, Geoff - Professor	Dean's Award for Excellence in Service, based on Professor Wasteneys' 12 years of service to the Bioimaging facility.