

**ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES  
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**ANNE MARIE MACKINNON INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

***JEAN GUTHRIE***

Jean Guthrie joined the English Department of Memorial University in 1976. In the intervening years, she has consistently been recognized for her dedication to teaching and to students and for her educational leadership in developing programs, processes and environments in which teaching is fostered and appreciated. As testimony to her inspiring and exemplary teaching, she was awarded the President's Award for Distinguished Teaching at Memorial University in 2002.

Jean Guthrie has been a forceful promoter of good teaching and learning throughout her career through the academic and administrative leadership roles she has held including: coordinator of first-year English (with responsibility for 3000 first-year English students per semester and faculty teaching first year students); Associate Director (Arts) in General Studies (with responsibility for all first year students); Coordinator of the ESL Centre; and Associate Dean of Arts. One colleague writes that "Jean has always been at the forefront of our efforts to improve instruction, to explore and develop innovative methods of teaching, and to assist colleagues in their efforts to improve their teaching".

Jean Guthrie was one of the founders of the English Mentoring Program in 1987, what has now become an institutionally mandated, award-winning course for graduate students: The Graduate Program in Teaching. She has been making presentations to students in the program since its inception and, in 2001, she became the Program Coordinator. In this course, Jean "has multiplied her influence on students by passing her remarkable teaching practices and insights on to large numbers of graduate students who themselves wish to become post-secondary teachers".

As a colleague concludes: "In her classroom, at the conference podium, at the faculty or departmental table, Jean Guthrie has been a teacher of students, colleagues and administrators – a real instructional leader".

For her sustained commitment to her students, as a mentor and role-model to colleagues and as a leading advocate for the improvement of undergraduate teaching and learning at Memorial University and beyond, Jean Guthrie is a most worthy recipient of the 2004 Association of Atlantic Universities Anne Marie MacKinnon Instructional Leadership Award.