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Anne Marie MacKinnon
Educational Leadership Award

DR. EMIN CIVI

Dr. Emin Civi began teaching in the Faculty of Business at the University of New Brunswick–Saint John in 2005, and since that time he has been passionately committed to fostering a culture of teaching and learning excellence.

Emin's approach to educational leadership is built on a foundation of caring and sharing. As he writes in his philosophy of educational leadership: "Authentic leaders share because they genuinely care about others, and they can facilitate change—big or small—in institutions, in cultural practices, and in individual lives because they believe in the potential of others and because they try to share whatever power they have to help that potential develop."

Emin's colleagues offer the following description of his leadership: "He is a leader who forges ahead (trying new classroom techniques), a colleague who works alongside (encouraging and mentoring other faculty), an ally and advocate who has the ear of the administration, and a servant who is willing to organize and coordinate events."

In the Faculty of Business, Emin has demonstrated leadership in its AACSB accreditation process, in the creation of a marketing major, and in the establishment of a teaching colloquium, peer mentoring program, and MBA conversation series. His contributions to the wider UNB-SJ community include service on a Vice-President's Excellence in Teaching Committee and the coordination of an informal "Brown Bag Lunch Series" which brings together instructors from all three faculties to share teaching experiences and offer support for the challenges teachers face in the classroom. Emin is a sought-after speaker on innovative approaches to teaching and regularly contributes to UNB's annual Teaching Showcase. He has served as a teaching mentor and facilitated workshops, presented at conferences, and published in peer-reviewed journals on teaching and learning. His outreach activities, especially his connections with the Saint John Multicultural and Newcomer Resource Centre, have enabled him to involve his students in course assignments that help newcomer parents and their children improve their educational and employment opportunities.

When describing Emin and his impact on the teaching and learning environment, his colleagues use the words "passionate", "industrious" and "energetic", and, equally important, they frequently write "warm", "generous" and "kind". All who have had the pleasure of working with Emin on teaching and learning projects and the many more who have benefitted from his diverse educational leadership endeavours join the Association of Atlantic Universities in thanking Emin for his many contributions that have earned him the 2018 Anne Marie MacKinnon Educational Leadership Award.