

**ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES  
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DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD**

**ROGER MOORE**

Roger Moore is one of St. Thomas University's most highly regarded teachers and scholars. A recipient of the 1996 St. Thomas University Excellence in Teaching Award and a Special Merit Award for Scholarship, he manages to combine his prodigious scholarly labours with an enthusiasm for classroom teaching that is exemplary. In addition to pursuing new and innovative teaching methods in his own field of Spanish language and literature, Roger Moore has also been active in curriculum development and has designed a section of the University's interdisciplinary Aquinas Programme for first-year students. He also took on the challenge of a section of Humanities 101, a course that explicitly addresses the difficulty students have in making the transition from high school to university.

Roger Moore brings an energy and eclectic quality to his teaching. He believes that the university classroom can be a place where individuals can both find themselves and (re)create themselves. He has adopted new innovations in his beginning Spanish course and is pioneering the use of Spanish theatre as a means for teaching language. Enthusiastically embracing the chance to be an agent of change, he includes in his repertoire of teaching techniques the use of the World Wide Web, multi-media presentations, live theatre, as well as travel. His students, as a result, develop a life-long commitment to their love of Spanish language and culture; many of them travel to, or work in, Spanish-speaking countries.

Roger Moore responds to student needs by teaching unpaid voluntary overload most years. He maintains an open door philosophy and encourages his students to visit his office whenever they need help. He has been instrumental in supporting academic advising programs, summer and fall orientation programs, cultural programs and in the delivery of academic essentials programming. By his own account, he lives, breathes, eats, and sleeps his subject. Students attest to his dedication, his interest, and the fact that "he can make material relevant and engaging, regardless of the level of difficulty." "We always learn something from Dr. Moore," they say, "whether it is in the classroom, in his office, or in casual settings." An affable man, quick to laugh, he never belittles students, or makes them uncomfortable.

Through his own excellent example as a teacher, his energy and enthusiasm and his strong contribution to the University's effort to improve teaching, Roger Moore has demonstrated himself a most worthy recipient of the 1997 Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award.