

**ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES  
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**PIERRE ZUNDEL**

Pierre Zundel has a passion for both teaching and learning and has distinguished himself by his exceptional teaching and, particularly, by his outstanding educational leadership within the University of New Brunswick and across North America. He is a tremendously innovative and effective teacher whose record of educational leadership is unparalleled.

According to one of his colleagues, “He is a leader of university teaching, an excellent teacher of students, a thoughtful teacher of his peers, and a life long learner himself. Whether he is teaching students in a one-on-one setting, designing and delivering individual courses, working with peers in program design and delivery, helping peers be better at teaching, or helping accreditors be better at program assessment, Dr. Zundel is both an active participant of education as well as a thoughtful and reflective scholar.” Another colleague says that “his true genius is his contribution to improving the system within which we all teach.” He has been an outspoken advocate of excellence in teaching throughout the university, and is always willing to assist other faculty with improvements. He does all of this with infectious enthusiasm, boundless energy, and a master teacher’s sense of when to praise and when to criticize.

Pierre Zundel’s experience, coupled with his knowledge of education design and an informed awareness of the needs of the forestry profession, helped him play an instrumental role in developing an innovative and pedagogically thoughtful curriculum using problem-based learning as the key component. He has also been an active participant in Renaissance College at UNB, helping design and deliver this innovative leadership program, promoting its collaborative approach to teaching, integrated approach to learning, and outcomes-based educational structure.

Recognized for his excellence in teaching and the extraordinary educational leadership he consistently displays in both assisting colleagues in their efforts to improve their teaching and in creating the institutional conditions for fostering effective student learning, he was honoured in 2001 with the first-ever University Teaching Professorship awarded at UNB.

Pierre Zundel’s commitment to excellence in teaching and learning has spanned his entire career. His influence in charting a new course for forestry education at UNB and beyond, his outstanding contribution to new structures and processes of teaching and learning at Renaissance College, and his extraordinary record of contributions to the professional development of his colleagues and to the creation of a positive student-centred learning environment at UNB have had a significant impact on students and colleagues alike. He is a most worthy recipient of the 2002 Association of Atlantic Universities Instructional Leadership Award.