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*Award for Excellence in Teaching*  
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*Anne Marie MacKinnon*  
*Educational Leadership Award*

**DR. MAGDALEN NORMANDEAU**

Dr. Magdalen Normandeau, Senior Instructor in the Department of Physics at the University of New Brunswick has raised the teaching and learning bar for all instructors at the University of New Brunswick and is tireless in her efforts to support faculty development, teaching and learning networks, and scholarship of teaching and learning, both at UNB and beyond. With her trademark “stealth leadership” style, Dr. Normandeau fosters engagement in teaching by creating conditions for intrinsic motivation to flourish. Dr. Normandeau believes “that this focus on change through internal motivation is key”, and that it will produce long-lasting impact. Since her early days of teaching, Dr. Normandeau has implemented a variety of research-based, effective teaching practices and has made a point of sharing the practices, related resources, and her experiences with her colleagues. Nancy Doiron-Maillet, Senior Teaching Associate in the Faculty of Nursing wrote, “I have been profoundly influenced by the leadership of Magdalen in my own development as an effective teacher. I gained tremendous confidence through her encouragement to be involved and to share my ideas with peers within my own faculty and across disciplines.”

At the University of New Brunswick, Dr. Normandeau has been recognized for leadership first exemplified within the Physics department, where she gained a following as the resource for teaching and learning knowledge, recommending to her colleagues relevant articles and books, rallying them to join her in attending Physics Education conferences, and introducing various evidence-based teaching strategies to members of the department. Her influence expanded to others in the Faculties of Science and Engineering where she built networks that encouraged others to be involved in scholarly development of their own teaching practice. Those networks were later formalized when Dr. Normandeau was appointed Coordinator of Teaching and Learning Services in the Centre for Enhanced Teaching and Learning at UNB for two, three-year terms.

Dr. Normandeau has a passion for advancing scholarship of teaching and learning, evidenced through her published work. Further, she has supported the efforts of others through the creation of SoTL-Atlantic, her work with SoTL-Canada and editorial work for the Canadian Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CJSoTL). One unique program she organized was Canada’s first SoTL Hack-a-thon! Ken Meadows, Managing Editor of CJSoTL, wrote, “Magdalen has truly made an exceptional contribution to the journal (CJSoTL) and SoTL in Canada more generally. Her leadership, mentorship, and service are truly impressive.”

UNB has recognized Dr. Normandeau for her educational leadership, awarding her the prestigious Neil Scott Educational Leadership award in 2020 and appointing her a University Teaching Scholar in 2019. Many at the University of New Brunswick and beyond have benefited from Dr. Magdalen Normandeau’s outstanding educational leadership contributions that have earned her the 2021 Anne Marie MacKinnon Educational Leadership award.