

## **Award for Service to the Profession of Geography**

For more than two decades, **Dr. K. Wayne Forsythe** has provided exceptional service to the discipline of Geography and the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG). He has made significant and lasting contributions in these areas while maintaining high standards in teaching and scholarship as a professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Ryerson University. He has an outstanding record of service throughout his career. Highlights include the direct supervision of 29 graduate students and serving as a second reader on 31 occasions. He has always made sustained efforts to provide the necessary support to enable students to succeed. When examining his research record, it can be noted that he has presented 98 papers and has a total of 26 peer-reviewed journal/conference articles. Many of these involved students as either first authors or co-authors.

He has performed exceptional service and contributed to not only his home department and university but also to the discipline of Geography. He has chaired many sessions at national/ international conferences and has participated in regional CAG meetings throughout Canada including attending the AGM in each case. He is an outstanding advocate for the CAG. He encourages students and colleagues alike to join the Association, and has provided support for students to attend and present at annual meetings. Since 2009, he has a continuous record of service to CAGONT and the CAG.

Wayne is hardworking and efficient. He is a key member of the wider geography community involved in organizing the Canadian Association of Geographers - Ontario Division (CAGONT) Annual Meetings (including CAGONT 2010 at Ryerson University). In the last year, he assisted the organizing committees for the 2017 Annual Meeting at Queen's University and the recent 2018 Annual Meeting at the University of Toronto - St. George. He also maintains and continually updates the CAGONT website and updates the CAGONT Facebook page.

Wayne's tireless work as President (he is now serving an extraordinary 3<sup>rd</sup> term), Vice President (2009-2013), and Past President (2015-2016 and 2017-2018) of CAGONT has raised the profile of Ryerson Geography and Ryerson University throughout Canada and beyond. As President, Wayne is also a member of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) national executive. His dedication was acknowledged at the 2017 CAG Annual meeting with the President's Award for Outstanding Service, recognizing exceptional service to the association, its members and affiliates. In addition to Dr. Forsythe's extensive professional service to the CAG and CAGONT, he is an inspiring academic and dedicated mentor. He has served as a paper and poster competition referee at regional CAG meetings on numerous occasions.

At the university/department level, Wayne was recently a member and/or chair of twelve committees in the last academic year, including chairing the Department Hiring Committee. The work of these committees is important in the functioning of the department and Wayne's contributions were substantial. He also chaired Department Council and was the Interim Program Director for our Geographic Analysis program. He edited the department entries for the CAG and American Association of Geographers annual directories. He also enhances the department, university, and profession through his work on international conference committees and by acting a referee for a large number of scholarly journals. Overall, Dr. Forsythe's dedication to Geography, the CAG and his many students and colleagues has made a significant and long-lasting impact the profession and practice of geography in Canada.