

Award for Excellence in Teaching Geography Dr André Roy

With a Ph.D from the department of geography at S.U.N.Y. Buffalo, André Roy came to the département de géographie at Université de Montréal in the mid-80's as a freshly-minted young professor. He quickly established himself as a dynamic research leader in the field of fluvial hydrology and at the same time become very rapidly one of the most sought-after teachers of introductory courses in methodology, as well as in his field of specialisation. He has a very dynamic style of presentation and has become widely recognised as a captivating communicator.



De plus le professeur Roy a réussi à s'entourer d'une équipe d'étudiants gradués par le biais de son magnétisme personnel tout autant que par l'intérêt de son programme de recherche subventionnée. Un de ses secrets est de s'asseoir et de causer avec ses étudiants, d'une manière régulière, non seulement sur leurs problèmes de recherche, mais sur tout un éventail de sujets, car ses étudiants sentent qu'il les considère comme amis et collègues à part entière.

Numerous letters and other documents witness to the appreciation his present and former students hold for André's teaching and constant availability. Having been chair of the department since 1994 has been an additional challenge, of course, but somehow André is still seen regularly in the cafeteria lunching and discussing with his students. Indeed he has succeeded in motivating a whole generation of students to pursue geography as one of the most relevant, applied and useful professions that exists in the modern world where the need for rational approaches to the use of a finite environment are becoming ever more important.

He has particularly stimulated graduate students through his leadership of what is called the weekly GEO-FORUM, where each student is required at some point to present his or her research topic. Professor Roy has acted as a catalyst in this context to engender a very high level of presentation and participation in this particular academic activity.

C'est pourquoi il me fait un très grand plaisir de lui conférer le *prix d'excellence pour l'enseignement en géographie de l'ACG*.