

Award for Service to the Profession Dr Hugh Millward

Dr. Millward has been a university professor in the Department of Geography at Saint Mary's University in Halifax since the mid-1970s. During that time he has provided exceptional professional service to the discipline of geography through teaching, service and scholarship. He is what could be described as an "all-rounder", and meets all the criteria of the Service to the Profession award.

Except for sabbatical leaves he has taught a full slate of undergraduate courses each year. His specialty is settlement geography, particularly urban. Many of the planners in the Halifax region and in Nova Scotia at large owe their early exposure to planning to Dr. Millward. He has also continuously taught the Map and Air Photograph Interpretation course, a requirement of every geography graduate. It is in this course that students get immersed in the wonderment of maps and what we are able to learn from them.



But Dr. Millward's commitment to education does not end in the classroom. In his early years at Saint Mary's he made a significant contribution to the development of teaching materials for use in the Nova Scotia high school geography curriculum, focussing on internal organization of both urban and rural areas. The material published in these kits was original research that was adapted for teachers to use in their classrooms. Even though this material was developed over 30 years ago, it still forms the basis for much of the settlement geography teaching done in Nova Scotia high schools.

Dr. Millward has also been actively involved in serving the profession of geography outside of the University. His expertise in urban geography and planning has been recognized in many ways. His most visible contribution came in his involvement in the preparation of the Halifax Regional Municipal Plan approved in 2006. This plan was the first comprehensive planning document for the region since 1975. He served on the Regional Planning Committee of HRM for over three years and chaired the Committee from January 2005-June 2006. He played a pivotal role in getting citizen groups, professional planners and politicians together to agree not only on guiding principles but also on the details of what HRM should look like over the next twenty five years.

His service to community groups, where he brings his professional expertise to bear on community organization and development, is also exemplary. He has provided his service and expertise to his community residents' association, to the Halifax Regional Trails Association and the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board.

Dr. Millward has served on the Executive of the Canadian Association of Geographers on three occasions. During these times he also served as President of the Atlantic Canadian Association of Geographers. He was one of the inaugural members of the ACAG when it was formed in 1988. He was a member of the Awards committee of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society from 1999 to 2010, and in 2009 was made a Fellow of the RCGS.

Not only has Dr. Millward served the profession as teacher, practitioner, and through community involvement but he also has a stellar research record. He has over 100 single or multiple authored publications to his name. His work has appeared in geography journals around the world. He has also published outside of the geography discipline with his work receiving recognition by historians, planners,

urbanists and sociologists. In 2007 Saint Mary's University recognized his research achievements with its President's Award for Excellence in Research.

In all regards, Dr. Millward has served his profession with exceptional commitment. His contributions are particularly significant in Nova Scotia where geography as a school subject is not well established and where there is only one university Department of Geography, of which he is a member. His work in regional planning and bringing the discipline of geography to the table and for discussion among community groups speaks well to his commitment to furthering the profession of geography.