

2014 OCUFA Service Award

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The logo for OCUFA, consisting of the letters 'OCUFA' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The 'O' and 'U' are significantly larger than the other letters, and the 'F' and 'A' are also large, creating a stylized, blocky appearance.

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Read by Judy Bates, Vice-President of OCUFA

On behalf of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, I am honoured to present Professor Emeritus John Holmes with a 2014 OCUFA Service Award. Through his work with the Queen's University Faculty Association (QUFA) and OCUFA, John has done exceptional work in promoting the interests of university faculty across Ontario.

At QUFA, John is known for his passionate commitment to union work. He was active in the founding of QUFA, and has helped many other campus groups – from staff to graduate students - organize. He has served QUFA in a variety of capacities, including president of the association. John also provided crucial leadership in building the campus-wide solidarity movement that prevented – as one nominator put it – “pension disaster” in 2011.

John was for many years a valuable member of OCUFA's Board of Directors, providing guidance and advice as the organization navigated numerous challenges to the quality of higher education in Ontario. He played an instrumental role in OCUFA's pension committee, demonstrating a unique ability to render the most arduous and confusing issues suddenly understandable by everyone around the table. More recently, John was a founding member of OCUFA's University Finance Committee. This committee is a great asset to the members of OCUFA, and John deserves much credit for setting its course.



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All of John's nominators – drawn from faculty associations across Ontario – remarked on his integrity, patience, wisdom, and wit. For this, and his impressive contributions to the welfare of Ontario's professors and academic librarians, OCUFA is very pleased to present him with a 2014 Service Award.