

2013 LORIMER AWARD

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Read by Kate Lawson, President of OCUFA

It gives me great pleasure to celebrate the many contributions of Ian Sakinofsky to faculty collective bargaining in Ontario. Ian served for many years as a member of the Ryerson Faculty Association's bargaining committee, and as the Chair of the committee through two rounds of bargaining. Ian has also helped develop the skills and strategies of faculty negotiators across Ontario through an active involvement in OCUFA's Collective Bargaining Committee. He further served as Chair of this committee from 2009-2011.

Ian's leadership in these many roles has been exemplary. At Ryerson, he helped win important intellectual property, workload, and monetary provisions that brought the working conditions of his colleagues in line with the rest of Ontario. Ian has tackled many emerging faculty issues at RFA, creating a model for many other associations to emulate. Through the OCUFA Collective Bargaining Committee, Ian was instrumental in cementing a pattern bargaining strategy which has delivered real results for professors and academic librarians across the province. He also led the Collective Bargaining Committee through some challenging times, such as the Government of Ontario's ill-conceived wage restraint "consultations" in 2010. As President of OCUFA, I know how important this committee is to our success, and we are grateful for Ian's work to make it so effective.

Ian's colleagues consistently remark on his dedication and energy, and on his ability to balance a great sense of humor with an unflappable professional gravitas. More than one nominator also commented on his steely nerves. He is widely known for his unparalleled experience with and knowledge of bargaining issues. As one of his nominators notes, Ian "is always willing to engage in spirited and lengthy argument (in the best sense) about which course to pursue and best method of attaining our ends." No question, Ian possesses an unerring instinct for identifying and implementing the best way forward.

Nominators also recognized Ian's deep commitment to social justice, a conviction born in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. He has carried this commitment with him half-way around the world, to the benefit of us all. No matter the context or the challenge, Ian pursues his commitment to equality with tireless focus.

For Ian, every achievement is merely a step in his ultimate goal of making the academic workplace – on his own campus and on campuses across Ontario – the very best it can be. Through his outstanding work, Ian has given us building blocks and an unbroken string of achievements. And, we are all better off because of it. For that reason, the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is very pleased to present Professor Ian Sakinofsky with the 2013 Lorimer Award.