

2014 OCUFA Service Award

CITATION FOR SUSAN WURTELE

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 Kate Lawson, President of OCUFA

On behalf of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, it gives me great pleasure to present Professor Susan Wurtele with a 2014 OCUFA Service Award. Through her tireless leadership in both the Trent University Faculty Association (TUFA) and OCUFA, she has helped protect the rights and interest of professors and academic librarians across Ontario.

At TUFA, Sue has served as association president and as chief negotiator. She has been involved in every aspect of the association's operations, earning the respect of Trent's academic community for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of TUFA's members. She has also worked to improve TUFA's connections with other local associations, CAUT, and of course, OCUFA.

At the provincial level, Sue has provided outstanding service as a member of OCUFA's Board of Directors and Collective Bargaining Committee. She has also been instrumental in creating and guiding OCUFA's Pension Policy and Research Group, and has continued her work on retirement benefits with the multi-stakeholder Pension Reform Coalition. Sue is a noted expert on pensions, and her advice and insight has been an asset to faculty across Ontario.



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Sue continues to work hard on behalf of university faculty. At the April 11 meeting of OCUFA's Collective Bargaining Committee, she was elected committee Chair. While we are honoured to present this award to Sue today, we know that her greatest accomplishments may yet lie ahead. In any event, it is hard to think of a more deserving recipient of a 2014 OCUFA Service Award.