

2017 OCUFA Service Award

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Read by Judy Bates, OCUFA President

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is honoured to present Glenna Knutson with a 2017 OCUFA Service Award. This award recognizes those remarkable individuals whose work has strengthened OCUFA and advanced the interests of professors and academic librarians across the province.

At Lakehead University, Glenna has worked tirelessly to improve the governance of the university and the working conditions of her fellow faculty members and librarians. She is a uniting force, bringing her colleagues together to strengthen the Lakehead University Faculty Association.

Glenna has shown unshakeable commitment to LUFA, serving as Grievance Officer from 1990 to 2002, as Chief Negotiator from 1992 to 1996, and as President from 2000 to 2002 and again since 2010. In these roles, she has been a passionate advocate for the interests of her members and a vocal supporter of contract faculty and workplace fairness.

Under Glenna's guidance, LUFA created a new Equity, Diversity and Status of Women committee to address a host of issues faced by her members and, as a result of her leadership, Lakehead created a new Equity Office to support all members of the university community. She is a bastion of knowledge, patience and vigour – the type of person who never backs down from a fight, and will see it through to the end.

As Chair, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large of the OCUFA Board and Executive, Glenna has shown remarkable dedication to diversity, fairness, and justice. In addition, she has been an active member of OCUFA's Online Education Committee and represented LUFA on OCUFA's Collective Bargaining Committee from 1992 to 1996. She has made exceptional contributions to OCUFA and has been a champion of the work we do, enthusiastically informing LUFA members about OCUFA's provincial advocacy work and our many other initiatives.

Lakehead is a better place thanks to Glenna's decades of hard work and unflinching commitment to equity. OCUFA is stronger for her many years of service. She is a leader and a friend who is always willing to listen and provide support. For these reasons, and many more, we are thrilled to recognize and honour Glenna with a 2017 OCUFA Service Award.