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Read by Kate Lawson, OCUFA President

OCUFA is pleased to present a 2015 Service Award to Professor Micheline Lessard from the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa (APUO).

Micheline has made a huge contribution to the lives and working conditions of professors and academic librarians through her work with the APUO and OCUFA. At the APUO, she has served on the Executive Committee, as Vice-President, as President, and as Grievance Officer. Her colleagues refer to two distinct periods in APUO's history: "Before Micheline" and "After Micheline." As one nominator wrote, "Her presidency was undeniably a milestone in APUO history."

Her contributions to OCUFA are no less exemplary. She served on the OCUFA Board of Directors from 2009 – 2011, and then as a Member-at-Large on the OCUFA Executive. In this latter role, she was often called upon to speak to French-language media on short notice and with little preparation. She nevertheless rose to the challenge.

In closing, the words of another of Micheline's nominators is apt: "Micheline Lessard has been a true inspiration to many of us on campus who care about the well-being of university teachers and librarians and the protection of their collective rights."

For this reason, and many more, we are honoured to present Micheline with a 2015 OCUFA Service Award.