

2020 RETIREES

Doran Anderson
Stella Baah
Richard Baceda
Chris Flexhaug
Donella Glynn
Wendy Herbers
Catherine Kingfisher

Greg Martin
Valerie Moore
Debbie Murphy
Michael Perry
John Poulsen
Jacqueline Preyde
Debra Sewell
Leanne Wehlage-Ellis

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RETIREE RECOGNITION 2020



Ian Whishaw 50 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science
Neuroscience Department

In 1970 when Ian became the original Lethbridge neuroscientist, there were no labs and no cognate colleagues. He now has several books and more than 500 journal articles, proving that "if you are really good, you can do it anywhere"!

On the other hand, with no teaching experience and high expectations all of the students in his first Brain & Behaviour class withdrew. (Ian confirms that is true, but states 'in those years, the classes were very small'.)

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Reginald Bibby

45 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science
Sociology Department

Over his career, Dr. Bibby has played a huge role in raising the national profile of the U of L, and in informing public discussions of life in Canada. His research on religion and social trends has loomed large in national discussions and recognized by his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

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Merle Christie

45 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science
Economics Department

Merle has been and continues to be a truly outstanding member of the university community. Her expert knowledge of all administrative procedures and her efficiency in completing her duties have been an extreme value to the Department of Economics and the Agricultural Studies program. Merle's kindness and understanding is truly remarkable and very much appreciated by all those who work with her, and her careful suggestions and tact have been a great help to a number of Department Chairs. Her career service is impressive and certainly honourable.

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Jennifer Mather

35 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science
Psychology Department

We congratulate Professor Jennifer Mather on 35 years of service to the U of L. Dr. Mather is a past recipient of the Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research and the Distinguished Teaching Awards. She is a global leader in research on octopus behaviour, who has conducted field studies in Bermuda, Hawaii, Bonaire, Moorea and Okinawa. Dr. Mather is also committed to experiential learning and is a tireless advocate for equity.

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Scott Allen 30 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science
Psychology Department

From his career-long teaching and research collaboration with John Vokey, to his dedication to service and student mentoring, Dr. Scott Allen's career exemplifies teamwork, collegiality, and community building. We are grateful for his 30 years of service and wish him a happy and rewarding retirement.

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Victoria Baster

30 Years

Faculty of Fine Arts Art Department

Through Art NOW and Architecture & Design NOW, and as past Curator in the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery, Victoria Baster has introduced a wide range of distinguished cultural figures to Lethbridge. Her most recent publication (2020) is entitled 'Voices and Art Now.'

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Karol Budny

30 Years

Sports & Recreation Services
– Facility Operations

Horns Recreation is honored that Karol chose to join us for his final work years at the University of Lethbridge, after long and distinguished career with Facilities. Karol is never still - if you want to talk to him, you need to walk with him!

'Fun fact', he was a regular user of our recreation facilities when he trained with the Lethbridge Judo Club when it was on-campus.

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Garth Copeland 30 Years

Facilities – Caretaking Services

Garth works in the Water Building on the evening shift. Garth also helps out removing waste and recycling on campus. Garth enjoys spending time with his long-term girlfriend, his dogs, camping, and learning new things on You-tube.

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Peter Dibble

30 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science
Chemistry and Biochemistry Department

Following many years as an extramurally funded Chemist, with expertise in fields including organic synthesis and spectroscopy, isobenzofurans and cyclophanes, Dr. Dibble has served multiple terms as the Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Peter played a prominent and impactful role in the design, construction and move periods of the new Science Commons. Congratulations on 30 years of service to the University of Lethbridge!

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Tom Johnston

30 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science – Geography

As his 30th year of service passed, and it seemed that the Maple Leafs were going to make it to the finals, Tom decided that it was time for him to bring his formal teaching responsibilities to a close. While that judgement was as poor as ever, and despite the fact that he has enjoyed his time in the academic salt mines and respects many of his colleagues, his retirement is on the horizon. Still, we should not despair as he is likely to continue to offer his typical brand of "sensitive" and "welcome" advice to his former colleagues at Backstreet on Friday afternoons, once COVID passes.

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Hadi Kharaghani

30 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science –
Math and Computer Sciences
Department

Dr Kharaghani is a professor of Mathematics at the University of Lethbridge. His research expertise is in Combinatorics with a particular interest in Hadamard matrices and designs. He is the 2005 recipient of the UofL Speaker Research Award, and the 2013 recipient of the UofL Distinguished Teaching Award.

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Al Kizuk 30 Years

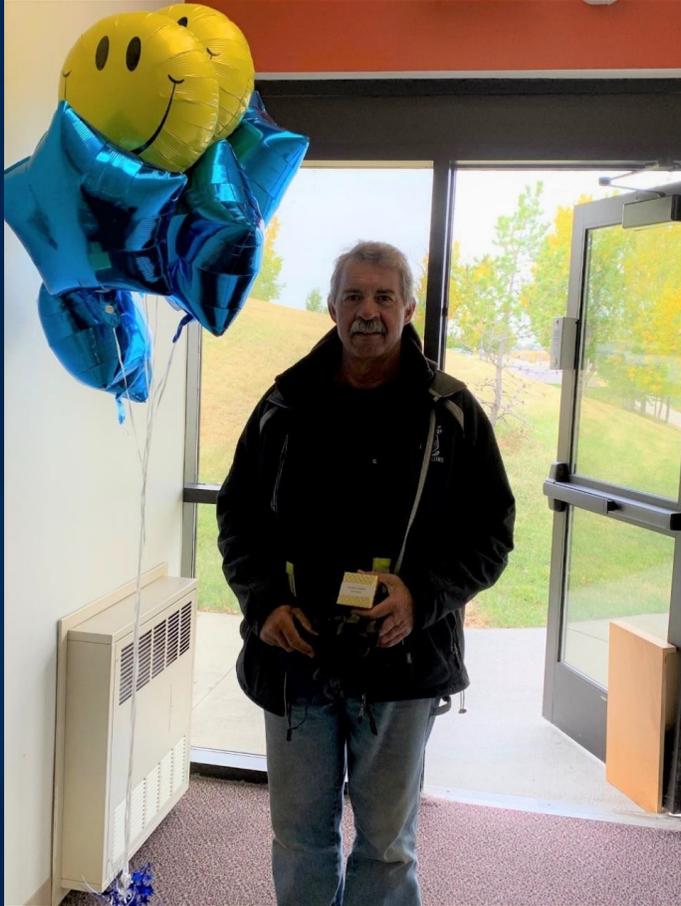
Faculty of Arts & Science –
School of Liberal Education

Alex joined the English Dept. at the U of L in 1990 as a specialist in Canadian Literature, and moved to the School of Liberal Education in 2012. In addition to research and teaching on Canadian Literature and publishing his own poetry, he has taught courses and published *The Great Books Tradition* across disciplines.

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Vernon Leckie

30 Years

Facilities – Grounds Maintenance

Vern Leckie has been a member of the Grounds Maintenance department for 30 years. Through this time he has seen Campus evolve with the coming and going of new buildings and has led a team of continuing and casual staff who have supported and developed the landscape. Vern has built long lasting, effective relationships with everyone he interacts with. Vern has contributed to almost every tree, rock and flower bed across Campus which the entire community enjoys and appreciates.



Karen McCallum

30 Years

Office of the University Librarian

Karen's success is the result of her expert knowledge of the complex systems that provide access to library resources and of her confident, engaged leadership style. Karen's contributions have earned her the respect of her colleagues, who describe her as encouraging, fair, and confident. Karen is also to be congratulated on achieving an enviable work/life balance - a significant accomplishment in what are often challenging times!

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James McDowell

30 Years

Faculty of Fine Arts
University Theatres

Over the past 30 years James McDowell has worn many hats in the University Theatres, including Stage Carpenter, Scene Shop Manager, Production Manager and Technical Director. He has also designed lighting and set for several Department Drama productions and has shared his production expertise with many arts groups and organizations throughout Southern Alberta. James' generous and passionate enthusiasm for the theatre and the performing arts has left lasting impact on the Faculty of Fine Arts, which includes the countless number of students that have had the pleasure of working with him.

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Michael McKenna

30 Years

Facilities – Building Systems

Mike has been a key member of the Building Systems/Operations team for the past 30 years. As our task lead Mike uses his vast knowledge to help keep the campus heating and cooling control systems running, and keep our campus community comfortable. Mike says that in his thirty years he has never felt like not coming to work, which is a testament to all those he has worked with.



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Jackie Mueller 30 Years

Facilities – Plant Office

Jackie is an invaluable member of the Facilities team. She has an unmatched expertise in forecasting and planning both departmental and utility budgets that has served the University well. Above that, Jackie is a thoughtful leader who is well respected by her colleagues and her staff. I am very proud of Jackie and look forward to working with her well into the future. Thanks Jackie!

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Debbie Payne 30 Years

Ancillary Services - Bookstore

It is very likely that the ONLY thing constant about course materials delivery over the past thirty years has been the smiling face and incredible work ethic of Debbie Payne! Working in an industry that is constantly evolving has its challenges, but Debbie meets these challenges and embraces change with a dedicated focus on serving our faculty, staff, and students. Debbie's commitment to continual improvement is an asset to not only the bookstore, but the campus at large and we cannot imagine the Bookstore without her!

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Sergio Pellis

30 Years

Faculty of Arts & Science
Neuroscience Department

Serge is truly a triple threat. He is one of our most successful and sought-after teachers, his scholarly work on aspects of social behaviour, especially play, is world-renowned, and his service to the University and the Departments of Psychology and Neuroscience has been outstanding.

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Nancy Walker

30 Years

Office of the President

For over 30 years Nancy has been an extremely dedicated member of the University of Lethbridge. Initially starting as the institution's Internal Auditor, she held various positions before being named Vice President, Finance and Administration in 1999. Nancy has been a critical part of the U of L's senior leadership team for over two decades. She has been instrumental in ensuring the fiscal stability of the U of L, all the while focusing on maintaining the university's commitment to our people. Nancy has also been a tremendous volunteer on and off campus and for this she was awarded the Senate Volunteer of the Year award.

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Wendy Westergreen

30 Years

Facilities – Caretaking Services

Wendy works currently in Turcotte, Students Union, and drives the rider scrubber on campus. Wendy has worked all areas on campus in the last 30 years.
Wendy enjoys spending time with her family.



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Shelly Wismath

30 Years

School of Liberal Education

Shelly Wismath is a leadership trail blazer coming to the U of L as a mathematics professor. She has published 3 books and over 70 research articles, and was promoted to Full professor in 2000. She has been recognized for her teaching as a 2017 National 3M Teaching Fellowship and the first Board of Governors Distinguished Teaching Award at the U of L. Shelly represents the best of what teaching can be as a career, a vocation and a model for life and learning. The University is fortunate to have Shelly's leadership in guiding innovative developments such as building and sustaining the U of L Teaching Centre, establishing the Women Scholars Speaker Series, and developing the School of Liberal Education and becoming its first dean. Shelly continues to trail blaze with the many student awards she has created and helps to create. Congratulations Shelly on 30 years with the University of Lethbridge!

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