



Keith Louise Fulton

The Robin H. Farquhar Award For Excellence In Contributing To Self-Governance

"I have a vision of a university," says Keith Fulton—it includes fairness, openness, acceptance, and the spirit of community. "And whenever I encountered a way to work that would further that vision, then I accepted the challenge, if I possibly could."

In addition to her role as a professor of English and Women's Studies, Fulton has been a member of the Core Committee on long-term curriculum strategy, Chair of the FCAS Curriculum Development Committee, and a member of the Nuts and Bolts Committee charge with the complete restructuring of the Arts and Science Faculty. "This is work that has genuinely changed how we are organized and what we teach," says Linda Dietrick, professor of German.

Fulton also served as a member of the UWFA Pay Equity Committee, the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Coordinating Committee, and

the Aboriginal Initiatives Academic Planning Committee—to name only a few. Fulton was also a key figure in nurturing the University's successful Women's Studies program since its beginning in the 1980s, serves on numerous editorial boards, and pursues a variety of creative endeavours.

"Those of us who know Keith—and by now, just about everyone in the University knows her from serving on some committee together!—treasure her experience, judgment, energy, and immense people skills that she always brings to her self-governance work," said Dietrick.

"Keith did all of this work, while maintaining her commitments as a Robson Award-winning teacher, community activist, and researcher," Dietrick added.

"I have been trying to create a university, an all-around university, that really helps students grow into the people they want to be," explains Fulton. "You can't just do that in the classroom, or just in one area. It's all the way around.

"Creating a system and academic standards that support a sense of justice, trying to create a relationship among staff, faculty, and administration that really facilitates an open environment—that filters down to the students," she adds.

When Robin H. Farquhar established the Award for Excellence in Self-Governance, he wrote that the contributions of the University's employees are "crucial to our success and deserving of acknowledgement and gratitude," adding that "Exceptional performance in this regard should be publicly acclaimed and rewarded."

Today, The University of Winnipeg is pleased to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of Keith Louise Fulton, this year's recipient of the Robin H. Farquhar Award.