



Some Highlights of Vernon Provencal's Dedicated Service

The CAUT Dedicated Service Award recognizes individuals for exceptional service to their academic staff associations. Recipients are nominated by their association and the award is presented at a membership meeting. Recipients' names are also posted on the CAUT website and are recognized at the April meeting of Council. The CAUT Dedicated Service Award was first given to a member of AUFA in 2009. Since that time, the award has been given annually on the recommendation of a committee composed of all previous recipients of the award.

The recipient of the 2012 CAUT Dedicated Service Award for AUFA is Vernon Provencal.

Vernon has served AUFA in many capacities. He was a member of the team that successfully negotiated the first collective agreement for AUFA's part-time employees in 2002. He served as Vice-President of AUFA in 2001-2002, President in 2002-2003, and Past-President in 2003-2004. Vernon was also a member of the negotiating team in 2006-2007, resulting in the successful negotiation of the 12th Collective Agreement. More recently, Vernon served as chief negotiator for the 13th Collective Agreement (2009-2010).

Vernon has also been a member of numerous committees for AUFA, including the committee to develop a course evaluation form, and the committee to revise the AUFA constitution. He has

served several terms on the AUFA nominating committee, various AUFA pre-negotiating committees, and two terms on the Proposals Review Committee. Vernon was a member of the Joint Committee for the Administration of the 12th Collective Agreement, and is currently a member of the Joint Committee for the Administration of the 13th Collective Agreement. Vernon has, in addition, served on many occasions as a member of the Communicator committee. Vernon's service to AUFA is all the more exemplary given the heavy teaching load he regularly takes on in the Classics Department, which has meant that he has not been able to take advantage of the course reduction usually offered to AUFA presidents and chief negotiators.

I have had the pleasure of serving with Vernon on many of these committees, including serving with him as Vice-President during the year he was President, as a member of several pre-negotiating committees, and as a member of two negotiating teams. Vernon is hard-working and dedicated to serving the collective interests of all AUFA members. This last round of collective bargaining was a particularly difficult one. Vernon's ability to listen to and collaborate with the members of his team was a key element to the successful outcome of these negotiations.

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