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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Graduates, Award Recipients, & New Global Citizenship Award Highlights of University of Winnipeg's Fall Convocation**

WINNIPEG—Convocation is a time for celebrating the outstanding achievements of University of Winnipeg students. Chancellor H. Sanford Riley, President & Vice-Chancellor Lloyd Axworthy, the Board of Regents, and members of the University Senate invite family, friends, and the public to honour the graduating class of the seventy-eighth convocation.

The entire University community extends congratulations to the graduates as they join the more than 30,000 University of Winnipeg alumni around the world.

The University of Winnipeg's Fall Convocation takes place:

**Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Duckworth Centre (Spence at Ellice)**  
**The public is welcome to attend.**

On this day, more than 250 degrees will be conferred in Theology, Education, Science, and Arts. Several outstanding University of Winnipeg professors and one exceptional alumnus will also be honoured.

**Sheldon Oberman** (Class of '72) will receive **the Distinguished Alumni Award** posthumously.

Oberman, who passed away in March 2004, was an award-winning author, storyteller, philosopher, artist, and teacher. The Distinguished Alumni Award honours his lifetime of achievement in the creative arts and education.

**Dawn Sutherland**, Professor of Education, will receive the **Clarence Atchison Award for Community Service**.

As an education professor at The University of Winnipeg, her specialty is the teaching of science. Sutherland incorporates traditional Aboriginal knowledge into her science lessons, and participates in an international committee dedicated to exploring how culture, language, and gender influence learning. As a board member of Career Trek, Sutherland helps ensure that at-risk learners have the opportunity to explore the world of post-secondary education, helping those students see possibilities for themselves and their families.

The Clarence Atchison Award for Community Service was established by Investors Group in honour of their former President and Vice-Chair Clarence E. Atchison. Together with an impressive record of business accomplishments, Dr. Atchison devoted many hours to community and social service in Winnipeg, serving on many boards and advisory councils. He was a long-time member of The University of Winnipeg Board of Regents, acting as Chair from 1968 to 1970. The award is given to a University faculty or staff member to recognize the contribution given of their time and expertise to service to the community.

**Parvin Ghorayshi**, Professor of Sociology, and **Peter Ives**, Professor of Politics, will each receive the **Erica and Arnold Rogers Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship**.

Social justice advocate and feminist, Ghorayshi has devoted herself to research that touches a wide variety of domains: work, gender, the Middle East, feminism, and economic sociology.

Ives' scholarly research has been devoted to Italian social theorist Antonio Gramsci—one of the seminal thinkers of 20<sup>th</sup> century Marxism (1891-1937) whose concept of power and the role language plays in political events provokes cultural, political, and philosophical discussion.

Erica and Arnold Rogers, friends of The University of Winnipeg, established the Erica and Arnold Rogers Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship. Dr. Rogers was a medical doctor who, together with his wife Erica, valued the contribution by faculty members to research and scholarship. All members of the University faculty, many of whom have received national and international recognition for excellence in the research community, are eligible.

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This year, Fall Convocation serves as the formal conclusion to the University's inaugural **OmniTRAX/Broe Quest** conference. The Quest conference, "Caught in the Crossfire: Global Citizens Making A Difference, featured guest speakers Ann Medina, Gwynne Dyer, Tony Burman, Patrick Martin, Nicholas Hirst, and Lloyd Axworthy, as well as a variety of speakers from the development and University communities. More than 600 people attended the kick-off event on Friday evening - the Canadian premiere of the National Film Board's "Women on Patrol." Directed by Winnipeg's Barry Lank , the documentary features two Canadian female police officers who spent a term peacekeeping in East Timor. On Saturday on the University campus, a capacity crowd took in Quest plenary sessions, panels, and workshops. And today at Fall Convocation, the first annual **University of Winnipeg Global Citizenship Award** will be presented and will mark the end of the University's first, highly successful OmniTRAX/Broe Quest Conference.

**The University of Winnipeg Global Citizenship Award** will be given out at Convocation today to organization known for its humanitarian work in Canada and around the world. The University of Winnipeg Global Citizenship Award will be presented annually to an individual or group embodying the spirit and drive of a passionate, committed member of society that lives out the responsibilities of a global citizen. The award program includes a student internship program that will give a student the opportunity to work with the award recipient over the summer months. The new award is a symbol of The University of Winnipeg's commitment to its own international responsibilities.

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