City man is top teacher

A Belleville man who teaches at the University of Waterloo has won the first federal government prize for teaching excellence in Canadian studies.

Dr. Stan McMullin, director of the university's Canadian studies program, received the \$5,000 top prize at a ceremony in Ottawa recently.

It was the first year for the awards, offered to elementary, secondary, community college and university teachers. An independent panel, appointed by Secretary of State Serge Joyal, selected the four winners from 65 candidates.

McMullin, 42, has been teaching Canadian studies – specifically Canadian literature – for the past 14 years since he was hired as an English professor.

McMullin has been director of the inter-disciplinary Canadian studies program, now based at St. Paul's College, since its inception 12 years ago. He also coordinates courses offered by ten participating departments.

The son of Harriet McMullin and the late Lewis McMullin, he was a graduate of Quinte Secondary School. Last year McMullin spent two months teaching in China and in February completed a stint in France.

To be considered for the award, McMullin had to be nominated by someone who could provide reasons and supporting evidence.

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Dr. John North,
another English professor, nominated
McMullin, who has been
recognized in various
ways for his teaching
excellence.

In addition to teaching and researching at Waterloo, McMullin was the founding president of the Association of Canadian Studies and served between 1974 1976. The association now spends \$150,000 annually on research in national studies, publications and conferences.

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