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Paper on Canadian constitution  
wins top award for 2 WLU professors

Two Wilfrid Laurier University faculty members have won a major international award for their study of the Canadian constitution, in a paper titled, The Canadian constitutional amending formula: bargaining in the past and future.

Honored were Dr. D. Marc Kilgour, professor of mathematics; and Dr. Terrence J. Levesque, associate professor of economics.

Their paper won the Duncan Black Award for the best paper published in the American journal, Public Choice. It was selected from more than 70 articles appearing in the 1984 issues of the journal.

The award was made by the Public Choice Society and announced at the annual meeting in Baltimore. The society is an international organization of academics who perform research focusing on government, bureaucracy, election systems, and public sector allocations.

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Under a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant, professors Kilgour and Levesque examined the current amending procedure which requires support of at least two-thirds of the provinces representing at least one-half of the population. This formula must be reviewed within ten years.

Quebec, which did not accept the patriation of the Constitution in 1982, favours a change in the formula which would give it veto power.

The two researchers propose an alternate formula which would increase every province's role in the amending process. The proposal does not involve a veto for any province, but would offer Quebec more power to affect amendments.