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Redekop to be recognized as WLU's Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Waterloo (May 8) — John Redekop, who has taught a generation of students during his 24 years as a professor of political science at Wilfrid Laurier University, has been named the university's Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 1992.

Redekop will be honored at Laurier's annual spring convocation ceremony at the Kitchener Auditorium at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 30.

He was selected by a committee which considered nominations from alumni, students, faculty, and administrators. The award includes \$1,000 to be spent at Redekop's discretion on any purpose related to the development and improvement of teaching and learning.

As a colleague wrote in support of his nomination:

"A generation of students have benefitted from his love of learning, his pride in scholarship and teaching, his contributions to learning materials and curriculum development, and his inspired understanding of the issues of the confounding times in which we live."

Students know Redekop as an enthusiastic, inspiring, compassionate and yet demanding instructor. One former student who is now a professor of political science

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recalled his characteristic refusal to accept mediocrity when he knows a student has greater potential.

In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate students at Laurier, he has taught a wider Canadian public through textbooks and other academic writing, more than 550 articles in popular periodicals and newspapers, more than 700 speaking engagements, and video distance education courses. One of the six textbooks written or edited by him, *Approaches to Canadian Politics*, has been translated into Japanese.

At Laurier, Redekop has been responsible for initiating a co-operative education program in political science, for mounting timely courses on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Meech Lake accord, and for preparing guidelines for tutorial leaders.

A native of Herbert, Saskatchewan, Redekop received bachelor of arts and bachelor of education degrees from the University of British Columbia. He received a master of arts degree in political science and history from the University of California at Berkeley and his doctorate from the University of Washington in Seattle.