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## **Laurier professor wins prestigious 3M Teaching Fellowship**

*Waterloo (July 21)* — Michael Moore, a professor of English at Wilfrid Laurier University, has been named a 3M Teaching Fellow.

The award, presented to 10 professors this year, recognizes Canada's premier university educators and is the only national teaching award open to all 39,000 Canadian university teachers.

It is given to individuals who not only excel in the teaching of their own courses but also demonstrate an exceptionally high degree of leadership and commitment to the improvement of university teaching across disciplines.

"Michael Moore has distinguished himself as a superb teacher who brings the best of tradition and innovation to his teaching," says WLU president Lorna Marsden. "He exemplifies the quality of teaching that is the strength of Laurier."

A professor at Laurier since 1979, Moore is also assistant dean of graduate studies and associate director of research and instructional development.

He was honored as Laurier's Outstanding Teacher for 1990-91. Consistently rated excellent by his students, he has been described as the teacher who gives the most rigorous criticisms and the most lavish compliments.

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Moore's teaching and research interests include Victorian literature, religion and thought. He has also devoted a significant part of his career to fostering the importance of writing for both students and educators.

He is known throughout Canada for his work, *A Writer's Handbook of Current English* and for his impressive efforts to improve teaching and scholarship concerning teaching. As well as writing on pedagogy, he has helped educational and academic organizations develop policies on instructional and curricular development.

A year-long survey course on English literature he developed in co-operation with another professor will be broadcast on TVOntario during the 1993-94 academic year.

Moore serves as an expert member on a university committee that will guide the development of a university-wide, multi-disciplinary centre for teaching and learning.

In 1991-92, he was chair of Laurier's week-long public festival on Shakespeare's England and at the most recent festival he organized a session on the teacher as actor.

Moore taught at Carleton University and the University of Alberta, and served as assistant to the dean of graduate studies at Carleton before joining Laurier. He received both his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in English from Carleton University, and his doctorate from Queen's University in 1976.

The 3M Teaching Fellowships are awarded by the Society of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and 3M Canada Inc. Recipients will be recognized at a banquet on Nov. 8 during a three-day retreat in Montebello, Que. The award also includes a lifelong membership in the Society.