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Laurier professor to be honored as winner of research award

Waterloo, Ont. (Oct 13) — Barry Gough, an internationally distinguished naval historian, will be honored as University Research Professor for 1994-95 at Wilfrid Laurier University's convocation at the Waterloo Recreation Complex on Oct. 30.

The award is made in recognition of a record of significant research or scholarly contributions over an extended period of time. The recipient is freed for a year from teaching and service responsibilities to complete a major program of research.

"Dr. Gough's research record is excellent," said Rowland Smith, vice-president: academic. "What is particularly significant about his work is its combination of national and international concerns. Of special interest, too, is the focus on 20th-century studies that it reveals. Laurier has a growing reputation in this field."

Gough, a professor of history, is using the year to write *Seapower and the NATO Alliance, 1945-1989*. The book examines the development of NATO's sea commands and the NATO allies' knowledge of Soviet activities during the Cold War.

In conducting research for the book, Gough has studied the papers of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the U.S. National Archives and the Naval Intelligence Division of the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., and was the first to have access to classified documents at the NATO Defense College in Rome. He has done additional research at the NATO headquarters in Brussels, the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, and in Ottawa and New York.

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He has also interviewed naval commanding officers from the period including the commander in chief of the Channel approaches, a former hydrographer with the British Navy, and other officers from Canada, the United States, Holland, and Belgium.

Gough has written extensively on naval history, including *The Northwest Coast: British Navigation, Trade, and Discoveries to 1812*, *The Falkland Islands/Malvinas: The Contest for Empire in the South Atlantic*, and *British Mercantile Interests in the Making of the Peace of Paris 1763: Trade, War, and Empire*, all released in 1992.

He has published more than 60 articles on maritime history from the mid-1700s to the present. His work has concentrated on seaborne commerce in Canada and the British Empire; the connections between societies in Europe, China, and North America; and the strategic questions springing from maritime commerce.

Gough is a member of the editorial board of *The Great Circle: Journal of the Australian Association of Maritime Studies*, *Freshwater: Journal of Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes*, *American Neptune: A Quarterly Journal of Maritime History*, and *Polar Record*.

He has been a visiting professor at eight universities including Duke University in North Carolina, the University of Otago in New Zealand, Cambridge University, and Kings College, University of London.

He is the former president of the Canadian Nautical Research Society and the North American Society for Oceanic History.

Gough joined Laurier in 1972 and has been a professor of history since 1978. He has been co-ordinator of the Canadian Studies program since 1993.

He received a doctorate from the University of London (King's College) in 1969 and a doctor of letters from the University of London in 1991. He earned his bachelor of education degree at the University of British Columbia in 1962 and a master of arts degree at the University of Montana in 1966.