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Wason-Ellam recipient of McDowell Foundation Award

Linda Wason-Ellam, recognized throughout Canada and around the world for her work in the areas of reading, children's literature, community literacy and cross-cultural literacy, is this year's recipient of the McDowell Foundation Award.

The award, presented annually by the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching, recognizes those who have made significant contributions in the area of action research in Saskatchewan.

As a professor-researcher in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, Wason-Ellam has contributed extensively to both our understanding of literacy practices and the development of teachers who provide literacy instruction in our schools.

A native of Boston, she has studied school classrooms in the United States, England, Northern Ireland, Finland and the Arab Gulf States as well as throughout Canada. Her ethnographic research has explored the social worlds of children within inner-city, immigrant, Aboriginal, and global contexts.

Wason-Ellam joined the faculty of the University of Saskatchewan in 1986, becoming a full professor in 1995.

She is in constant demand as a conference presenter, and she has served on numerous boards and committees related to a wide variety of educational and research interests. To give just two diverse examples, she is currently vice-chair of the Behavioural Research Ethics Board at the University of Saskatchewan and chair of the Women's Studies Research Unit.

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