

2020 Tribute Award Citation for Ms. Marelene Rayner-Canham



Ms. Rayner-Canham retired from Memorial University's Grenfell Campus in 2004, after 25 years of service in the Division of Science (Physics).

Most people slow down when they retire, but not Marelene Rayner-Canham. And she was always active at Grenfell. Back in the early days of the Grenfell Campus and for many years she was on the faculty-staff special events committee, planning Oktoberfest, Caribbean night, the Christmas dinner & dance, the Christmas children's party and other events.

Both before and since her retirement to Toronto, she has devoted much of her time to exploring the contributions of women in science, particularly Chemistry. Investigating what these scientists have done has been a passion for Marelene that has resulted in an exceptional body of academic research. She has co-authored or edited seven books, the most recent being *Chemistry was their Life: Pioneering British Women Chemists, 1880-1949*, *A Chemical Passion: the Forgotten Saga of Chemistry at British Independent Girls' Schools, 1820-1940* and *Pioneering British Women Chemists: Their Lives and Contributions*, and co-edited *Creating Complicated Lives: Women and Science at English Canadian Universities, 1880-1980*. In addition, she has co-authored four invited book chapters, and has more than 20 refereed and educational publications, biographical dictionary entries, and conference presentations in Canada, the United States and Britain.

Marelene is presently working on two invited papers and is co-authoring a new book on the forgotten London School of Medicine for Women.

In recognition of her significant post-retirement academic contributions, Ms. Rayner-Canham is presented with the MUNPA Tribute Award.