JOHN LEWIS PATON AWARD
Dr. Bill Montevecchi, cross-appointed to the departments of Psychology, Biology and Ocean Sciences, was presented the John Lewis Paton Distinguished University Professorship, a lifetime designation recognizing his exceptional record of teaching and learning, research and engagement. Among North America’s most preeminent natural scientists, Dr. Montevecchi has led groundbreaking studies on environmental influences on animal behaviour and ecology. (More here)

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSOR
Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee, Department of Geography, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; Dr. Ursula Kelly, Faculty of Education; and Dr. David Pike, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science, were honoured with the title University Research Professor.

Dr. Chuenpagdee has been honored in recognition of her seminal contributions to the study of global small-scale fisheries governance, establishing a world-renowned and highly respected research program and amassing an impressive and sustained record for knowledge dissemination. (more here)

Dr. Kelly is recognized throughout the world for advancing debates within the areas of education, cultural politics and social justice. She has led research focused on the socio-cultural aspects of education, such as schooling, curriculum, and teaching and learning, and is celebrated for her psychoanalytic studies of cultural loss and mourning.

Dr. Pike was awarded in recognition of his innovative contributions to the international scientific community, creation of a robust and far-reaching intellectual program and for raising Memorial University’s profile for cutting-edge research. Dr. Pike, works in the areas of discrete mathematics, with particular emphasis on combinatorial design, graph theory and coding theory. (more here)

PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH
The 2018 President’s Award for Outstanding Research recipients are Dr. Ronald Haynes, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Dr. Alex Marland, Department of Political Science. Dr. Haynes is a leading expert in the study of numerical methods for partial differential equations as well as numerical linear algebra and optimization. His collaborative and multidisciplinary research is at the crossroads of applied mathematics, computational science and engineering, with practical applications to industry. (more here) Dr. Marland has become one of this country’s most active political researchers. His expertise includes election campaigning; governance, public policy and political elites in Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador; and Canadian political parties and leadership. (more here)