Doug House, Sociology, received the Frank McKenna Award for Leadership in Public Policy on March 21, 2018 https://www.ppforum.ca/event/atlantic-dinner-frank-mckenna-award/. Awarded by Public Policy Forum, the Frank McKenna Award recognizes outstanding contributions by Atlantic Canadians “who have built bridges between sectors, contributed to public policy and shown exceptional leadership.” As the MUN Gazette article indicates (see https://gazette.mun.ca/research/public-policy-leader/, Doug’s career exemplified all of those. Seconded to the provincial government for twelve of his thirty-five years at Memorial, he chaired two commissions and a task force and served as a policy advisor and deputy minister. Recommendations he made led directly or indirectly to the establishment of MUN’s Genesis Centre, the Canadian Centre for Fisheries Innovation at Marine Institute, and the Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as the Harris Centre.

Doug has continued to be active since retiring in 2009. He and his son, Adrian, collaborated on a book about Doug's father, Edgar House, a former student at Memorial University College and member of Memorial's Board of Regents when the Elizabeth Avenue campus was opened. Entitled An Extraordinary Ordinary Man: The Life Story of Edgar House, the book was published by ISER Books in 2015.

Doug is currently working on a book about Newfoundland and Labrador's premiers since Confederation in 1949, tentatively called From Joey to Danny: Premiers and Development Since Confederation. He has also recently completed a paper about Joseph Smallwood and fisheries development, "Did Smallwood Neglect the Fisheries?" which is currently under review for publication.
Doug and his wife, Jeannie, have also travelled extensively to such fascinating places as the Great Barrier Reef, the Galapagos Islands, Tuscany, the south of France, and with Keith Storey around Cape Horn. They have also enjoyed several trips to England and Wales to visit Jeannie's relatives and enjoy the British countryside and several more to Ottawa to visit their daughter, Vanessa, their other son, Matthew, and their five granddaughters.

After recuperating from knee replacement surgery last fall, Doug has returned to playing tennis; he and Jeannie enjoy walking on the Rennie's River trail, the east coast trail, and the Skerwink and other trails on the Bonavista Peninsula.