Citation for Dr. Carolyn Harley

During her 37-year career in MUN’s Psychology Department, Dr. Carolyn Harley was known for her ground-breaking research into brain function and her commitment to students. Retirement has not slowed down her own research nor her commitment to help many students with their research. Carolyn was named a Professor Emerita in 2008 for her outstanding career at MUN.

Since her retirement in 2008, Carolyn has continued in her role as a researcher, co-authoring an astonishing 31 peer reviewed research articles. In this same time period she has been successful in obtaining NSERC, CIHR and MUN grants totalling over $1.4M as a Principal Investigator, Co-applicant or Co-investigator. Not only has she continued to contribute to research projects but has given freely of her time to many students, acting as a supervisor or co-supervisor of some nineteen students in both Psychology and Biomedical Sciences, and also co-supervising NSERC summer students. She is a full participant in the research process just as one might expect of a full-time non-retired professor.

On the national research scene, Carolyn also continued, in retirement, to contribute her expertise to both the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), serving as Chair of CIHR’s Behavioural Science “A” Committee until May 2009 and a member of NSERC’s Grant Selection Committee for Psychology, also until 2009. Despite her active role in research and in student supervision she also manages to devote time as an active participant in the Neuroscience Journal Club, and is an organizing committee member for the annual MUN Scholarship Golf Tournament. She was also a member of the John Lewis Paton University Professorship Selection Committee from 2013 to 2016.

This past year, she has also managed to find time in her busy schedule to act as an External Reviewer for the University of Lethbridge Department of Neuroscience. For her outstanding and continued excellence in conducting research, giving of her time to students, and volunteering in other university-related activities, MUNPA is pleased to recognize Dr. Carolyn Harley with MUNPA Tribute Award.