

## Media Release

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### **Service to the University and Society Professor Sue McKenzie-Mohr to be Recognized for Excellence at Convocation**

School of Social Work professor Sue McKenzie-Mohr will receive the Faculty Service Award at Spring Convocation on May 12 for her outstanding contributions to St. Thomas University and the wider community.

“I have always thought of myself first and foremost as a social worker who is lucky enough to be a faculty member and teacher. Service within and beyond the university, therefore, is as important to me as my teaching and research responsibilities,” said McKenzie-Mohr.

Through her work with the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre (FSACC) and other groups, McKenzie-Mohr has devoted much of her professional career to preventing and responding to sexual violence. She recently participated on a working group with FSACC to develop and pilot a specialized sexual violence counselling curriculum used to train staff in women’s centres, health centres and counselling agencies. She has also been an active member of the campus project advisory committee, tasked with improving prevention, education and response efforts related to sexual violence across local post-secondary campuses.

“Community engagement through service to the university and broader society is an important part of the work of faculty and of STU’s distinctive contribution to the community,” said Dawn Russell, St. Thomas University President and Vice-Chancellor.

“Professor McKenzie-Mohr is a great example of that—she is an exemplary faculty member and through her research and community activism, she has helped to address some of the most pressing issues confronting society.”

McKenzie-Mohr has worked with many community organizations since becoming a faculty member including Women in Transition House, CHIMO HelpLine, the Community Health Clinic and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research. She has offered continuing education opportunities to practicing social workers through the national and provincial associations of social workers.

“All service goals are achieved in collaboration with many committed individuals, whose efforts are often invisible. One of the great perks for me has been having the opportunity to work alongside, and learn from, such dedicated people. I wish to thank them for their significant contributions, as I gratefully accept this award,” she added.

She also serves on St. Thomas University’s Board of Governors, the Research Ethics Board, and many university committees and working groups.

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