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at May 2018 Convocation

Pictured: Dr. Mary MacPhee, Dr. Gabriela Arias de Sanchez, and Dr. Alaina Roach O'Keefe

More than 950 students received degrees at the May 12, 2018 convocation at the University of Prince Edward Island. This year, UPEI awarded an outstanding 18 doctoral degrees—the most the institution has ever awarded.

Recipients include two (2) Doctor of Philosophy—Faculty of Science: Sean Landsman and Luke Poirier; nine (9) Doctor of Philosophy—Faculty of Veterinary Medicine: Collin Arens, Babafela Awosile, Alyssa Grunwald, Anil Kalupahana, Jordan Poley, Derek Price, Niorn Ratanapob, Shauna Richards, and Mahmoud Saad Sharaf; three (3) Doctor of Philosophy—Faculty of Education: Gabriela Arias de Sanchez, Mary MacPhee, and Alaina Roach O'Keefe; and four (4) honorary Doctor of Laws to Anne Love, William LeClair, Anne Smith, and Weston MacAleer.

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(Above) Recipient of Merit Award for Scholarly Achievement: Udo Krautwurst (Arts), Shafiqul Islam (Science)



(Above) Recipient of Merit Award for Outstanding Service: Jim Sentence (Arts), Lisa Chilton (Arts)

## UPEI Faculty Presented with Teaching Excellence, Scholarly Achievements, and Outstanding Service Awards at Faculty Association Recognition Night May 9, 2018



(Above) Recipient of Hessian Merit Award for Excellence in Teaching: Henrik Stryhn (AVC), Laurie Brinklow (Arts)

Guests gathered at Fox Meadows Gold Club on Wednesday, May 9 to celebrate the achievements of Faculty Association Members, and to announce the recipients of the Hessian teaching awards, merit awards for scholarly achievement, and merit awards for outstanding service. Congratulations goes out to all award winners, and to those nominated.



### University Update (Grad Studies)

- 5 new programs in progress (MBA in Global Leadership, Doctorate of Psychology, Master of Actuarial Sciences, Interdisciplinary PhD in Engineering, Master in Global Affairs)
- In 2017, 427 graduate students at UPEI
- Graduate enrolment up 92.3% from 2007–2017 (only 23.8% in Atlantic Region)
- International student enrolment increasing (11.7% student body were international compared to 23.8% in 2017)
- Increase to Faculty of Graduate Studies budget (\$458,000 in 2017–18, to \$668,000 in 2018–19)

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## Presidential Recognition Awards of Merit

The presidential awards were presented to UPEI faculty on May 16, 2018. The awards recognize outstanding faculty members for their contribution to UPEI and beyond. The faculty and librarian awards went to Dr. Travis Saunders (Faculty of Science), Dr. Dany MacDonald (Faculty of Science), Dr. William Montelpare (Faculty of Science). The staff awards went to Mary Mullen (Academic Prep), Megan Glover (Faculty of Science), Joy McKinnon (Academic Prep), Sharon Martin (Faculty of Science), Lisa Sanderson (Engineering), Blair Vessey (ITSS), Cathy Gillan (Experiential Ed). At this ceremony, faculty who have served more than 25 years at UPEI were recognized, including Health Keoughan, Dr. Richard Kurial, Jackie MacPhail, Jane McKay, Ricky Milton and our very own dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Larry Hammell.

## Successful inaugural Graduate Studies Conference



Pictured above, Master's student Laura Young presenting "Determining the role of cellular senescence in skeletal muscle"

There were more than 50 presentations at the first Faculty of Graduate Studies conference, which took place May 16–18, 2018. Presenters came from many of our graduate faculties, including AVC, Science, Island Studies, Education, Business, and Nursing. Taking place May 16, Dr. George Gitau (Professor of Clinical Studies, University of Nairobi) presented the R. G. Thomson Lecture, entitled "The Kenyan Dairy Sector: The Dynamics and Opportunities for Collaborative Global Research."



**Congratulations to Dr. Gabriela Arias de Sanchez, winner of Governor General's Gold Medal (Graduate).**

Gabriela graduated in May 2018 with her Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Studies, and was awarded the prestigious Governor General's Gold Medal (Graduate). Congrats, Gaby!

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