

Canadian Linguistics Association National Achievement Award 2015

The Canadian Linguistic Association is proud to announce that Dr. Yves Roberge of the University of Toronto is the National Achievement Award laureate for 2015. Professor Roberge is recognized for his leadership and substantial, innovative, and distinguished contributions to language research.

President of the Canadian Linguistic Association from 2005 to 2007, for over a quarter of a century Dr. Roberge has served nationally and internationally as mentor, supervisor, reviewer, editor, and conference organizer, in constant demand with colleagues, publishers, granting agencies, and public organizations. A full professor in the Department of French at the University of Toronto, he has taken major leadership roles there, currently Principal of New College (2010–), and Acting Principal and Vice-President (Academic) of St Michael's College (2007–2008). Dr. Roberge leads with wisdom and heart, lending a hand and a smile to encourage and motivate others.

Dr. Roberge's broad research interests include the grammar of varieties of French and other Romance languages; theoretical linguistics and the notion of linguistic complexity; and children's and adults' acquisition of French. The recipient of over a dozen prestigious research grants and scholarships and the author of numerous books and articles, he has contributed significantly to our understanding of how function words like clitics and prepositions — and their absence — interface with verbs as the building blocks of sentence structure.

Dr. Roberge's professional expertise, personal inquisitiveness, analytical skills, and interpersonal intelligence have inspired several generations of scholars, educators, and teachers. He has supervised the extraordinary number of 50 master's and doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows.

The sixth winner of the National Achievement Award, Professor Roberge received his doctorate in Linguistics under the supervision of Dr. Michael Rochemont, University of British Columbia. His bachelor's and master's, completed under the supervision of Dr. Marie-Thérèse Vinet, are from l'Université de Sherbrooke, Département d'études françaises.

Dr. Roberge gave a plenary lecture as part of Congress 2015 at the annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, University of Ottawa, Monday 1 June 2015. His lecture was entitled "Triangulation et convergence de preuves sur la représentation des objets directs".

Dr. Roberge's professionalism, linguistic talents, and remarkable ability to share have an enduring impact on linguistics. He richly deserves the recognition embodied by the National Achievement Award of the Canadian Linguistic Association.