

Criminologist helps put College on the map

He's got several degrees, published numerous books and articles and has a portfolio full of awards, but for Criminology instructor Brian MacLean it's still important that Kwantlen "give something back to the community."

For Brian that can mean organizing a criminology conference that brings top scholars in his field from North America and around the world to the College, or devising projects for his students in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies.

"I think it is important that we return something to the community. I try to involve my students in projects that help the local community," he explained.

Brian, who earned his doctor-

ate in Criminology from the London School of Economics in London, England, was the convenor for a conference that brought 200 criminologists from as far away as India to Kwantlen College. The theme of the conference was "Social Inequality and Social Justice."

"This really puts Kwantlen on the map in this field," said Brian. The keynote speaker was Meda Chesney of the University of Hawaii, a well-known expert on women and crime. Other speakers included Michael Jackson, a University of British Columbia professor who spoke on Native land claims and Susan Boyd, the new Chair of Women and Law at UBC.

Along with his teaching duties,

Brian is the editor of several academic journals including the Journal of Human Justice which he founded at Kwantlen and Critical Criminologist which he co-edits and produces at the College.

He has also published seven books, including two while at Kwantlen, and more than 30 papers. His doctoral thesis has been made into a movie by the BBC and he was recently given a Distinguished Achievement Award by the American Society of Criminology.

Brian obviously has the credentials to teach at a university and in fact still gives a course at Simon Fraser University. But he has chosen Kwantlen because "a community college provides the

opportunity to return something to the community. I think it's important for teachers to do research so they can bring new ideas into the classroom. But a community college allows students to take these new ideas into the community to see how they work. At the same time, we can help the people who are supporting the College through their tax dollars."

In the end, the community and Kwantlen are winners.



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