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Patricia Demers

President

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Patricia Demers has been named President of the Royal Society of Canada for a two-year term beginning November 2005.

University Professor in the Department of English and Film Studies at the University of Alberta, she is the author or editor of eleven books and over fifty articles. Her research interests range widely—from early modern women’s writing, Shakespearean and Jacobean drama, feminist hermeneutics, and children’s literature to contemporary Canadian women’s writing. She is the recipient of a Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and a McCalla Research Professorship. In September 2005 she was awarded the University Cup, the University of Alberta’s highest recognition for outstanding teaching and research.

Professor Demers has served as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies (1991-93), Department Chair (1995-98), and Vice-President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (1998-2002). Elected to the Society in 2000, she has been the Society’s Honorary



Editor for four years and has chaired a task force investigating the place of artists in the Society.

Committed to the modernization of the Society, she has served on the committees to re-structure the Academies and to revise the by-laws. She is eager to capitalize on the momentum for transformation, and to contribute to a strong role for the Society as a visible, inclusive, and vibrant scholarly organization.