Individual Work Performance

Roberta Neilson
Departmental Manager, Department of of Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies

As departmental manager of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, Roberta Neilson juggles many responsibilities. She knows most of her students by name, and treats them all professionally and fairly. She also plays a key part in the many public outreach events and conferences organized by GSWS, and creates a warm, safe and inclusive space for her students and colleagues.

Lifetime Contribution

Anita Turner
Graduate Program Assistant, Clinical Psychology Program, Department of Psychology

Anita Turner has worked for 40 years at SFU, with 38 of those years spent in Psychology. She began as Assistant to the Chair, and trained eight of them over the years! For the last 12 years, she has been the Graduate Program Assistant, managing over 100 grad students and the accreditation process for the Clinical Psychology Program. She is truly one of the cornerstones of the department.

Team Award

Lisa Agosti, Azam Bhatti, Tim Coram, Ayktah Grover, Christine Harper, Cindy Li, Mike Perry, Tracey Sherwood, Sarah Turner, Kathleen Vieira-Ribeiro, Gwen Wild

Department of Economics staff

Department of Economics staff members Lisa Agosti, Azam Bhatti, Tim Coram, Ayktah Grover, Christine Harper, Mike Perry, Tracey Sherwood, Sarah Turner, Kathleen Vieira-Ribeiro, and Gwen Wild are the recipients of the FASS Employee Achievement Award in the Team category. Brian Krauth, chair of the Economics department, says that his department “has a reputation as one of the most well-run and trouble-free units in the university, and our outstanding staff is the primary reason for that.” He nominated his entire team because of the way that they are able to adapt to new needs, changes in university procedures, and their commitment to continuous improvement.
Sessional Instructor
Charmaine Perkins
Sessional Instructor, Department of Criminology

Charmaine Perkins has taught courses in Criminology since 2010. Multiple students nominated her for this award because she inspires students to think creatively and realize their potential. She challenges students intellectually, encourages them to identify their own biases and appreciate differing opinions.

Teaching Assistant or Tutor Marker
Thomas Vigié
Department of Economics

Thomas Vigié is the “go-to TA” for Economics, and has taught international finance, industrial organization, data analysis, intermediate macro- and microeconomics, and mathematics. He has also been a marker in PhD econometrics. Brian Krauth reports that “Thomas’ students love him…even when students might be unhappy with the course, they are happy with Thomas”.

Term Teaching or Research Faculty
Clare McGovern
Department of Political Science

As SFU strives to be Canada’s engaged university, Clare McGovern from the Department of Political Science is a great example of how we all can bring our communities into the classroom. She emphasizes real world examples and simulations to stimulate student learning and integrates learning partnerships with government and non-government organizations to connect her students to the wider community.

Changemaker
Genevieve Fuji Johnson

Dr. Genevieve Fuji Johnson has provided excellent leadership to SFU’s Sexual Violence Policy initiative and is a Senior Advisor to the Provost on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. She is also an active researcher and volunteer within marginalized communities, including: women sex workers and survivors of violence. The FASS Changemaker Award exists to recognize a FASS employee whose work has ripple effects beyond their department and even beyond the institution. Her work is remarkably well-timed for the current zeitgeist of the #MeToo movement, and is helping to shape similar policies in universities across Canada.