Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue
Call for Nominations

Deadline: December 16, 2016 (Pacific Standard Time)

Simon Fraser University’s Centre for Dialogue is now accepting nominations for the 2017/18 Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue. This award is presented every second year to an individual who has demonstrated international excellence in the use of dialogue to increase mutual understanding and advance complex public issues. Nominations are encouraged from around the world in the fields of international diplomacy & conflict resolution, climate solutions, intercultural dialogue, civic engagement, and urban sustainability.

Criteria used to select the recipient include:

- The candidate’s demonstrated international excellence in the use of dialogue to increase mutual understanding;
- The global significance of their work in addressing complex and profound public issues; and
- Related programming opportunities.

Far more than a simple ceremony, the Blaney Award includes a short programming residency in Vancouver, Canada that builds upon the recipient’s work to achieve tangible outcomes, reflecting the mandate of Simon Fraser University to be Canada’s most community-engaged research university. Recent Blaney Award programs have engaged thousands of participants through the hosting of international announcements, book launches, capacity building workshops, and participatory research. The award endowment includes funds to cover recipient transportation and associated programming costs, as well as a $10,000 cash award.

“There is something more important than information. Values are far more important, and it is by understanding common values that decisions are made. We come to understand values through dialogue.”

– Dr. Jack P. Blaney, President Emeritus, Simon Fraser University
Past Recipients:

**2015/16: Tim Flannery**, for using dialogue and authentic engagement to build global consensus for action around the critical issue of climate change. Prof. Flannery is a globally renowned scientist whose writing has inspired millions. His achievements include chairing the Copenhagen Climate Council and founding the Australian Climate Council.

**2013/14: Chief Robert Joseph**, for his tireless work to renew relationships among Canada’s Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. Chief Joseph is a Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation, Ambassador for Reconciliation Canada, and Special Advisor to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, among other distinctions.

**2011/12: Karen Armstrong**, for a lifetime of outstanding achievement advancing understanding about world religions and promoting compassion as a way of life. Ms. Armstrong is the founder of the Charter for Compassion, a document that applies shared moral priorities to foster greater global understanding.

**2009/10: Liz Lerman**, for a lifetime of outstanding leadership, creativity, and dedication to melding dialogue with dance. A choreographer and interdisciplinary artist, Ms. Lerman’s honors include a 2002 MacArthur “Genius Grant” Fellowship. Her work has been commissioned by the Lincoln Center, Harvard Law School, and Kennedy Center, among others.

**2005: Mary Robinson**, for outstanding courage, leadership and commitment to dialogue. Ms. Robinson is one of the world’s leading advocates for human rights, having served as the President of Ireland, UN High Commissioner on Human Rights, and Executive Director of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative.

**2002: Maurice Strong**, leading international environmentalist. Mr. Strong served as Secretary General of the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and the 1992 Rio Environmental Summit, as well as the first Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
JACK P. BLANEY AWARD FOR DIALOGUE: NOMINATION FORM

Nomination Deadline: December 16, 2016

Submission format: Electronic only (MS Word or PDF)

All nominations and inquiries should be sent to:
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The Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue Selection Committee will consider public nominations for the 2017/18 recipient, in addition to internally identified nominees. Completing a full nomination form is not mandatory to suggest potential recipients, although doing so will increase the chance that the nominee will receive full consideration. We welcome nominees from all geographic locations and backgrounds, including youth.

We ask that all nominations be succinct and provide links or references to secondary resources to help the Selection Committee evaluate the suitability of the candidate. The Centre for Dialogue reserves the right to perform independent research when evaluating nominations.

More information: www.sfu.ca/blaney

Proposed recipient: __________________________

Organization of proposed recipient (if applicable): __________________________

Nominator name: __________________________

Nominator organization (if applicable): __________________________

Nominator address: __________________________

Nominator phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________
Summary: Reason the nominee would be a worthy recipient, as well as the subject area addressed by their work (100 words max).

Key biographical information: Major positions held and highlights of career accomplishments (100 words max, point form encouraged).

Excellence in dialogue: Evidence that the nominee has demonstrated, internationally, excellence in using dialogue to increase mutual understanding (150 words max).

Global significance of work: Information about how the nominee’s work has been globally significant in addressing complex and profound public issues (150 words max).

Programming opportunities (optional): Suggestions are welcome for programming during the recipient’s residency. Helpful information includes the likelihood the recipient will be available for a short residency, opportunities to achieve tangible impact during the recipient’s visit, and potential programming partnerships (150 words max).

Background resources for further evaluation: Please provide links or references to further information that will help the Centre for Dialogue to fully evaluate the nominee, such as videos of the nominee’s public speaking and/or facilitation, news media coverage, biographies, organization websites, etc.