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## Press Release

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### GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR CANADIAN STUDIES



**Ottawa, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – The International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) is pleased to announce that the *Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies*, granted each year in recognition of a scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to scholarship and to the development of Canadian Studies internationally, will be awarded on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to **Professor Gerry Turcotte**.

**Mr. Turcotte** is Associate Provost and Executive Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, Australia. He is also an award winning teacher and public speaker, as well as the author and editor of many books, including novels and collections of poetry about Canada. Furthermore, **Professor Turcotte** has recently taken up the position of President (Vice-Chancellor) of St Mary's University College, Calgary.

As the Founding Director of the Centre for Canadian-Australian Studies at the University of Wollongong, **Mr. Turcotte** established an enduring Canadian Studies program, which includes a multidisciplinary academic program supporting research, teaching, graduate participation, and publications.

**Mr. Turcotte's** great contribution to the Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ) led him to serve as the Association's elected Vice-President (1994-96 and 2008-10), President (1996-98) and Journal Editor (1990-04). Also, he became the first Australian President to be elected to the Executive Committee of the International Council for Canadian Studies, where he served as Secretary for two terms of office (1997-2001).

#### About the ICCS

The International Council for Canadian Studies is a federation of 21 national and multinational Canadian Studies associations and four associate members in 39 countries. ICCS' mandate is to promote worldwide research, teaching and publications on the study of Canada.

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