

Katherine is the President and Vice Chancellor of St. Jerome's University at the University of Waterloo.

Katherine received her Bachelor of Science in Honours Biology from the University of Waterloo. She received her Masters in Palaeontology and PhD in Sedimentology from McMaster University, where she was an NSERC post-doctoral fellow. She joined the University of Regina in 1992 with an appointment as Assistant Professor, subsequently achieving the rank of Professor in 2001. She is registered with APEGS as a Professional Geologist.

Previously, she served as Vice-President Academic and Research, and Professor at Nipissing University (2010-2011), as well as Dean of Science (2001-2009), and Geology Professor, University of Regina (1992-2009).

Katherine's research interest is on the impact of relative sea level fluctuations on Devonian sedimentary deposits in the subsurface of southern Saskatchewan. These deposits provide a rare record of the transition of a basin from open-marine to sub-aerial sediments. The geologic history of these deposits is important for understanding the reservoir potential and the impact on potash distribution in the province of Saskatchewan.

During her tenure at University of Regina, she was appointed to increasing leadership roles from Assistant Dean to Dean of Science. In 2008 she also served as Special Advisor to the President for the establishment of their new collaborative Nursing Program with the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology. I worked closely with the Science Faculty at First Nations University of Canada. While at Regina, Katherine was a Big Sister to a young Cree girl. She provided the opportunity for this young girl and her brother to attend indigenous events, as well as participate in sport at the Provincial level.

At St. Jerome's University, there are many international opportunities for our students through our programs; one of which is SJU in Peru. This trip focuses primarily on the impact of the development of a cooperative (Café Feminino) that supports the indigenous female coffee growers in Peru. Our partnership with Café Feminino is ten years old. Each year a small group of students travel to Peru and encounters the people from the communities to listen and learn. As part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary we made a video "Every cup has a story" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krxFOD6VKTI>) to share this story with the broader community, and we sell their coffee on our campus. This past year, Katherine was a member of the UW Indigenization Advisory Committee and led the Student Experience Working Group. She supports opportunities for members of the St. Jerome's University community to understand the truth of our shared history through invited speakers, participation in the blanket exercise and support for the indigenous water walk taking place currently.

Building on her local roots, Katherine maintains close connections with St. Jerome's University's students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Building community through active Rotary participation and strengthening existing bonds with community partners is her primary goal. In cooperation with the Board of Governors and stakeholders, she strives to further St. Jerome's University's mission, building on the strength of its past, the current momentum in teaching and research, with a view to our exciting future.