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### **York University's Richard Leblanc wins top teaching award**

**Toronto** – Associate Professor Richard Leblanc of York University has been named one of Ontario's most outstanding university teachers by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA). Prof. Leblanc will receive a 2010-2011 OCUFA Teaching Award at an October 22, 2010 ceremony in Toronto.

"Prof Leblanc is a dynamic teacher recognized for his sensitivity to diversity and class inclusiveness," said Judith Poe, chair of the Teaching Award selection and past award recipient. "His commitment to students, combined with his innovative approach to and leadership in legal and business education make him an outstanding choice for an OCUFA Teaching Award."

The four other recipients of an OCUFA Teaching Award are: Paul Gries, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science, University of Toronto; Carol Percy, Associate Professor in the Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto; Martin Schreiber, Professor in the Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto; and Alan Steele, Associate Professor in the Department of Electronics, Faculty of Engineering and Design, Carleton University.

"You simply cannot have excellent universities without excellent professors," said Constance Adamson, President of OCUFA. "This year's winners exemplify the innovative spirit and commitment to students that defines Ontario's faculty and their work."

Founded in 1964, OCUFA represents 17,000 faculty and academic librarians in 27 faculty associations across Ontario. It has been celebrating outstanding achievement in teaching and academic librarianship at Ontario universities since 1973. For more information, please visit the OCUFA website at <http://www.ocufa.on.ca>.

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