



SCHOOL OF NURSING PROFESSOR Sheryl Reimer-Kirkham, Ph.D., has been inducted into the Royal Society of Canada's (RSC) College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists.

An award-winning scholar and the Director of TWU's Master of Science in Nursing program, Reimer-Kirkham has brought together innovative research in religion, culture, ethics, and health/illness with an eye to guiding nursing education, clinical practice, and health policy. Her work is suffused with compassion, moral reflection, and a concern for social justice.

"We are very pleased," says TWU Provost W. Robert Wood, Ph.D. "Sheryl is an exceptional scholar and will represent Trinity Western University well within the context of her appointment to the RSC."

Reimer-Kirkham is proud to represent the stellar research that is happening at TWU. "We're exceeding the national standards for research at smaller universities, both in calibre and productivity," she says. "My research has flourished at TWU, where we share common values and are able to openly explore religion and diversity."

In addition to a Governor General's Gold Medal and the Elizabeth Kenney McCann Outstanding Dissertation Award, Reimer-Kirkham received the College of Registered Nurses British Columbia Research Award of Excellence in 2010.

Established in 1882, the RSC is the senior Canadian collegium of distinguished scholars, artists, and scientists. The Society's primary objective is to promote learning and research in the arts, humanities, and natural and social sciences. In 2009, Trinity Western became the first private Canadian university to attain membership.

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That opportunity arose through long-time TWU supporters Allan and Clarice Skidmore, who felt that membership would raise the University's profile in Canada—and have since graciously funded the initial and annual membership fees.

The College, established in 2014, is Canada's first national system of recognition for the emerging generation of Canadian intellectual leadership. Its establishment allows the RSC to benefit from the participation of exceptionally talented individuals in the earlier period of their careers.

"It's a privilege to be able to speak into the direction of higher education and research in Canada, through the College," Reimer-Kirkham says. "At the induction ceremony in Quebec City, there was a lot of synergy and excitement among the new members as we considered how we might work together from diverse intellectual, cultural, and social perspectives."

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