

## SHEILA SAMMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FIELD INSTRUCTION

The Award was established in 2016 in recognition of Professor Sheila Sammon's outstanding contributions to social work practice and field education over almost three decades: in the School of Social Work at McMaster, in the Hamilton community, and in her leadership in social work education provincially and nationally. With wisdom, skill and generosity, Sheila supported the development of generations of students, practitioners and educators striving, like her, toward the ethical and just practice of social work.

The Award is conferred annually on a Field Instructor who has made exceptional contributions to social work students' learning and professional development and to the School's field education program and who, in doing so, extends Sheila's commitment to skilled and just practice.

Nominations will be invited and drawn forward by the School's Field Coordinator and Director and be reviewed by a selection committee on the basis of the following criteria: service as a McMaster field instructor for at least 10 years; an ongoing commitment to field education; passion for supporting students' growth, development and readiness for the complexities of skilled and ethical practice; tenacity in challenging systemic barriers faced by service users, communities and students in their educational pathways.

To nominate a colleague/peer please send a 1-page letter highlighting the nominee's attributes and skills as a field instructor to:

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Nominations must be received by **4:00 pm** DATE.

Sincerely,

*Janice*

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